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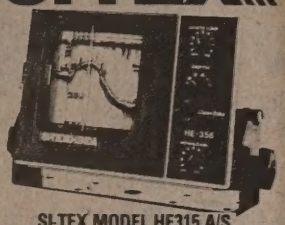

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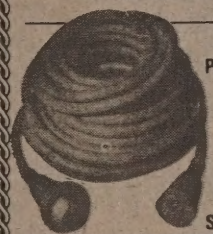

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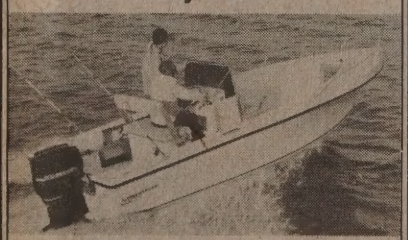

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L.I. BASSMASTERS ANNOUNCE ANNUAL BASS FISHING AWARDS

John Selvey of Bay Shore was honored at the Long Island Bassmasters Annual Awards Dinner held in Lake Ronkonkoma on February 20th. Selvey's prize, the "MR. BASS" Trophy is presented yearly to the chapter member who catches the heaviest largemouth bass from Long Island waters.

In presenting the award, Bassmaster President Thom Carney of Holtsville noted that Selvey had spotted each member with a tremendous advantage. Last spring Selvey left for Florida on business, returning only in August for a few weeks. In this short time he won a club tournament in addition to capturing the 6 lb. 10 oz. lunker from Forge Pond (Peconic River). A confirmed Catch and Release practitioner, John brought the bass to the Fisherman's Deli in Riverhead using his soft-drink cooler as a makeshift live well. After the weighin he returned the fish alive to the waters of Forge Pond.

Carney also honored Wally Stratton of Farmingville as the club's 1981 Tournament Angler-of-the-Year and also John McCardell of Medford who bested 5 of the club's top anglers in the annual "Classic" tournament.

HUDSON ANGLERS SHARK TOURNEY

The Hudson Anglers are holding their annual Invitational and Open Shark Tournament on June 19 (rain date June 20) out of Hudson Point Fishing Station, Freeport. Overnight dockage will be available at the Town of Hempstead Marina, also on Hudson Canal.

For further information, call Ronnie "Bunzie" Baur at Hudson Point Fishing Station, (516) 623-9808 or club chairman Emit Dowd at (516) 379-0940.

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PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB 43RD ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Patchogue Fishing Club's 43rd Annual Awards Dinner was held on March 13, 1982 in recognition of the Club's outstanding fishermen of 1981. Among the more notable awards presented at that time were for two Patchogue Fishing Club record fish: a 73.6 cod caught by Gregg Maynard of Sayville and a 10.2 blackfish caught by Bill Caldwell of Medford. Top surf fisherman for 1981 was Tom Forbes of Stony Brook, and top boat fisherman of 1981 was George Dietz of Sayville.

The 1982 officers—Neil Van Ginhoven, President; George Dippel, 1st Vice Pres.; George Remien, 2nd Vice Pres., Jeff Mayer, Treas., Leo Di Donato, Financial Secretary and Cheryl Dippel, Recording Secretary—expect an equally successful 1982 fishing season.

SURF & SEA ANGLERS OPEN FOR MEMBERSHIP

The next meeting of the Surf & Sea Anglers will be held on Monday, April 5, 1982 at the Forge River Boat Club in Mastic at 8PM.

Don Schmalz, owner and operator of Don's Yacht Yard in Mastic Beach, will conduct a mini clinic on outboard engine maintenance, with emphasis on getting your outboard engine ready for spring fishing.

Surf and Sea Anglers, a Shirley based club, is accepting applications for membership. Call President Rick Torre at 567-6995 or Press Agent, Mrs. Lorry Mangan at 928-1347 for more information on membership or meetings.

OUTSTANDING ANGLERS FETED AT BABYLON TUNA CLUB AWARDS DINNER

The Babylon Tuna Club held their annual awards dinner on February 13, to honor those anglers catching the largest fish of a particular species.

The outstanding catches from local waters were:

False albacore, 18 lbs., Wolf Hager; true albacore, 57½ lbs., Joe Carione; bluefish, 17½ lbs., Al Lorenzetti, Jr.; codfish, 57 lbs., Steve Ratner; blackfish, 8½ lbs., Einar Grell; bonito, 9 lbs., Bob Sauer; flounder, 2 lbs., Gerry Puccio; fluke, 6 lbs., Einar Grell; white marlin, 72 lbs., Phil Fraccalvieri; mako, 285 lbs., John Deak; shark, 730 lbs., Pat Gambino; striped bass, 34 lbs., Ed Olsen; bluefin tuna (trolled), 170 lbs., Al Lorenzetti, Jr.; tuna (chummed), 119 lbs., Ronnie Moe) tuna (bigeye), 267 lbs., Tony Pavone; weakfish, 13½ lbs., George Fuchs; and pollack, 22 lbs., Tony Pavone.

Tagging award for most inshore releases went to Richie Hipp; and for offshore releases, Bill Mahler.

SOUTH SHORE ANGLERS SEEK NEW MEMBERS

The South Shore Anglers have installed the following officers for 1982:

Hal Eisenbaum, President
Steve Panico, Vice President
Richard Chesler, Treasurer
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Norman Greenhut, Sgt.-At-Arms

Membership is now open to anyone interested in joining a fishing club that fishes both inshore and offshore. The Club is located in East Rockaway and meets the second Wednesday of

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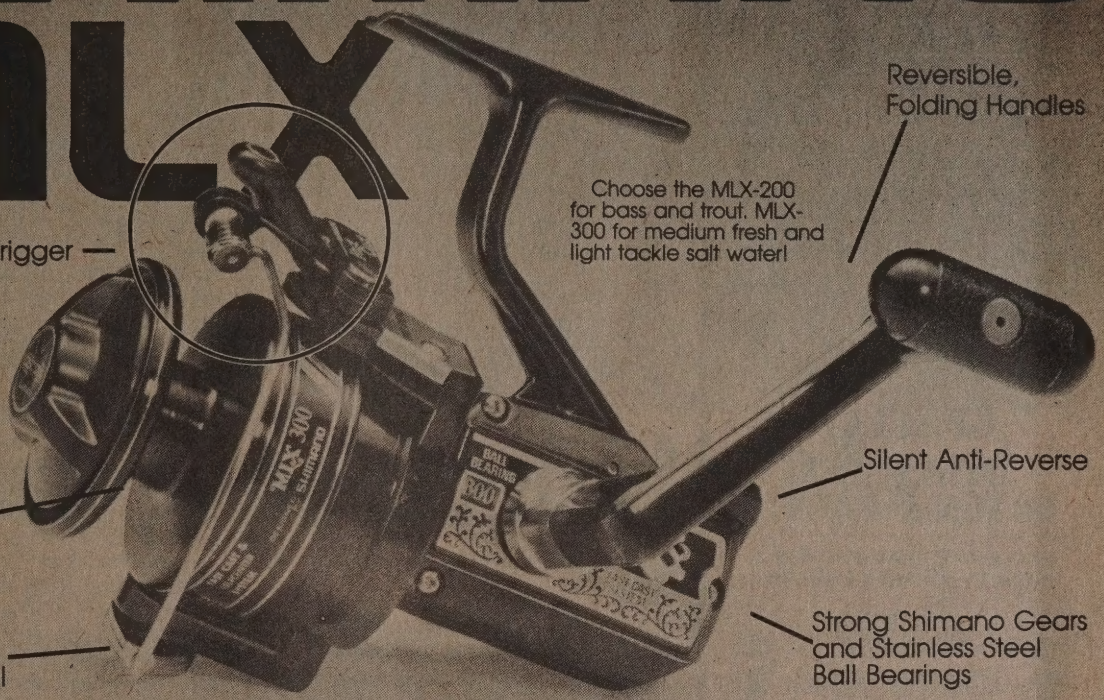
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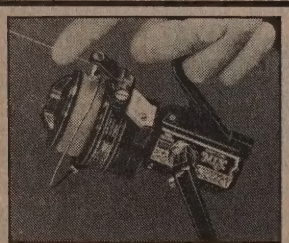

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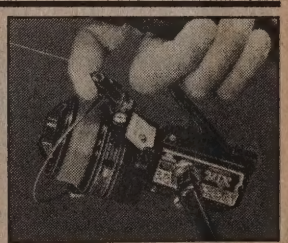

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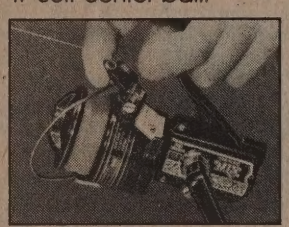

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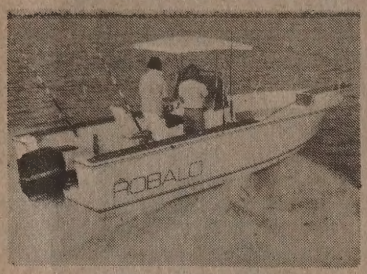
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EAST BAY ANGLERS

The East Bay Anglers, Inc., of Freeport are proud to announce that 1982 will begin the Club's 30th Anniversary. Celebration will begin at their annual awards dinner and dance to be held at Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, Long Island, on Friday, April 2, at 8:30 p.m.

The new slate of officers for 1982 are:
President: Dick Rubin
Vice-Pres: Ken House
Treas: Gene Kass
Record. Sec'y: Arnie Wallace
Corrs. Sec'y: Bob McClellan
Tourney Chrm: Mike Stone
Inter-Club Chrm: Dave Dweck
Good & Welfare Chrm: Howie Wilder
Conservation Dir: Jerry Sireci
Publicity Dir: Phil O'Connell

Club meetings are held in the Salty Bay Yacht Club, 180 Westside Avenue, Freeport, at 8:30 p.m., on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in becoming a member is our welcome guest. Membership applications are available.

SURF SIDE III TUNA CLUB TO HOLD SEMINARS

The Surf Side III Tuna Club will be holding the following two seminars at the Surf Side III lounge, foot of So. Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst at 8PM.

The first one will be April 1 with Mr. Bill Miller telling us about all electronics and how they should be used. He will answer questions for the inshore and offshore fisherman.

The second one will be April 15, with Charlie Renda on how to tow boats properly and tying lines.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, please call Pete after 6PM at 667-4057.

HUDSON CANYON INVITATIONAL BILLFISH & TUNA TOURNEY

The Squadron Anglers Fishing Club announces their 3rd Annual Hudson Canyon Invitational Billfish and Tuna Tournament scheduled for August 7 and 8, 1982. This tournament was established to promote and demonstrate the excellent quality of Long Island's Bluewater Fishing.

Last year's Hudson Canyon Tournament yielded an estimated 20,000 lbs. of tuna. Forty boats participated in the area about 90 miles offshore. Besides tuna, the sport fishermen caught white marlin, swordfish, wahoo and sharks.

The 1982 H.C.I.B.T.T. will be run from the Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport, convenient to Jones Inlet, with competition for club and individual prizes. Entry fee is to be $275 per boat.

Interested clubs and individuals are advised to contact the Tournament Chairman:

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An application form and rules booklet will be sent automatically to last year's participants.

IGFA TO PUBLISH TOURNAMENT DATA

Due to an increased demand from our membership for information on fishing tournaments, beginning in 1982, the International Game Fish Association plans to regularly publish and distribute a list of major tournaments being held throughout the world.

In order to make this list as complete as possible, we urge all individuals, clubs and organizations responsible for sponsoring national, international, or large regional fishing tournaments, to advise IGFA of the name of the tournament, date(s), location, and the name and address of the person who can be contacted for information or registration. As this publication will be issued bimonthly, it is important that we be furnished with the information as far in advance as possible to allow anglers sufficient time to plan their participation.

Although IGFA cannot publish details on each and every tournament held throughout the world, we urge all tournament sponsors to provide us with this data so that we can answer the various inquiries we receive.

BABYLON CAPTAIN'S ASSOC. ELECTS SLATE

The B.C.A. voted in its officers for 1982. They are as follows:
President: Jack Stoddard
1st Vice Pres: Phil Nielson
Sec'y: Frank Zory
Treas: Ray Nettuno

The Association will be sponsoring some tournaments in 1982, both Bay and Ocean. Dates will be announced at a later date.

FREE WEAKFISH BUCKTAIL JIGS

The Educational Committee of the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County has put together an unusual and informative meeting on weakfishing.

The Committee members Joe Platoni, Manny Toskos and Mike Haase have contributed all the material used in making weakfish bucktail jigs, that will be given away to those participating in the dark horse prizes. Phil Leshowitz, Joe Platoni and Art Fletcher tied the bucktails.

The committee will also talk about hooking, cooking, smoking, and freezing Weakfish.

The meeting will start with a movie, at 8PM, on Tuesday, April 27th, at our meeting hall at the American Legion Post #170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, N.J.

The public, and children in particular, are urged to attend and receive a bucktail jig.

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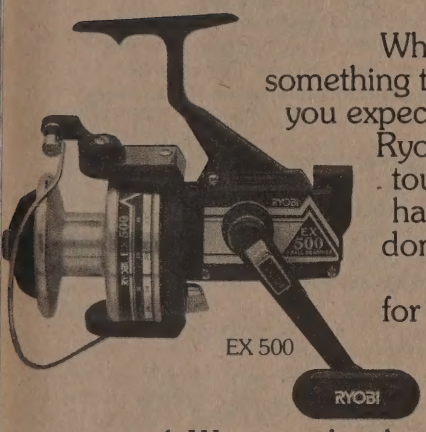

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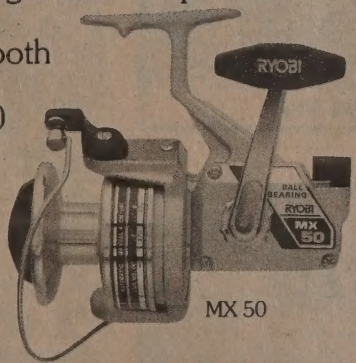

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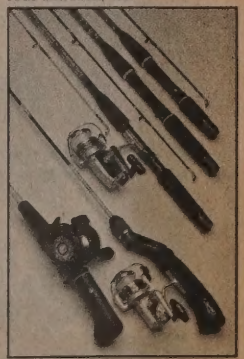

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STRIPER SURF CLUB

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The following trophies were awarded for surf caught striped bass over 15 lbs.

Most Eastern Seaboard—Ira Friedman, 37 fish.

Largest Eastern Seaboard—Ira Friedman, 46 lbs.

Largest New York—Bob Sicker, 40.4

2nd. Most Eastern Seaboard—Jack Vanderkieft, 21 fish.

Most New York—Lief Gobel, 5 fish.

2nd Largest New York—Bill Rothwell, 38.8

First bass of the season—Mike Lynch.

Last bass of the season—Lief Gobel.

The following officers were installed for 1982:
President: Bob Sicker
1st VP: Jack Vanderkieft
2nd VP: Ira Friedman
Corres. Sec.: Joe Vezo
Record. Sec.: Frank Demmerle
Treasurer: Tony Iesu
Sgt.-at-Arms: Jack Driscoll

NORTH BROOKHAVEN SPORT FISHERMEN'S CLUB FETES 1981 AWARD WINNERS

The following awards and plaques were presented to members of North Brookhaven Sport Fishermen's Club at the Elks Hotel in Port Jefferson during our annual awards dinner.

STRIPED BASS:
Boat—Dan Marchand, 38.14
Surf—Michael Devaux, 30 lbs.
BLUEFISH:
Boat—Michael Devaux, 16.3
Surf—Steve Mars, 16.7
WEAKFISH:
Boat—Carmine Miller, 11.12
Surf—Bill Stoltz, 10.3
Fluke:
John Herson—4.15
FLOUNDER:
Rich Bergman—4 lb.
BLACKFISH:
John Kudlo—4 lb.

We are actively soliciting new members including Junior members (ages 6-16). These Junior members will be competing equally with Senior members for trophies.

Our next meeting will be on April 12th. For more info call: John Herson, 265-6617; Don D'Apolito, 928-1315; Mel Lippman, 698-0296.

FARRAGUT STRIPER CLUB'S NEW SLATE FOR 1982

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I'm sorry, but I doubt that we can help you from the information you supply in your letter. We'd have to know all about your tackle, baits, tide conditions, seasons, time of day fished, weather conditions when fished, etc. Then, we might spot a key here and there. Yet, the fact also remains that sometimes no matter what we do we don't catch fish. The surest way to get a good catch on a given day is to wait and then go to a place where the

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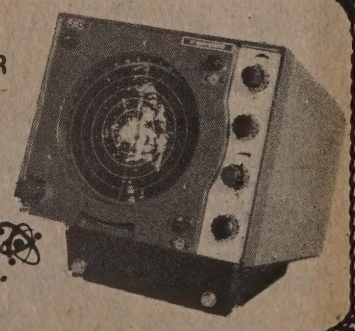

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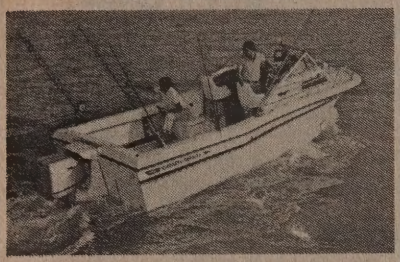

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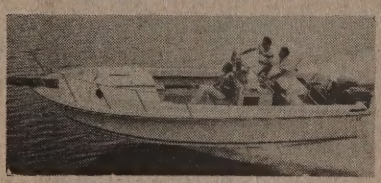

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fishing is hot. When the fish are plentiful and the fishing hot, fish don't seem to care too much about how long your leader is or what exact condition your bait is in, etc. Competition between feeding fish reduces their fussiness a lot! Fishing with experienced skippers will also help, and reading as much as you can will also help you to learn and consequently, improve your catch. However, speaking of fluke, I'll tell you what I did when I wanted to take someone fluking and improve the odds of catching fluke. Reports along the south shore were spotty. There were good days and there were bad days. Many of the fish were shorts. The odds didn't seem good. Then great fluke fishing developed in Petty's Bight near Orient. I waited for a nice day and off we went. The result was we caught 22 fluke to 5½ lbs. in about two hours and only four were just under the limit. Patience may be an asset to a fisherman in more ways than one. Dr. W.A. Muller.

THANKS FROM THE LONG ISLAND STATE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

With the advent of the 1982 fishing season upon us, I believe William A. Muller's February 18, 1982 editorial (''Review of Fishing Advisory Board Activities'') is both timely and important to the recreational fishing interests on Long Island.

The creation of the Fishing Advisory Board came about in March, 1980 when this Commission recognized the need to establish a better dialogue and working relationship with the various recreational fishing interests in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Fishing opportunities exist in no less than 12 Long Island State Parks and the number of visitations and inquiries continue to grow. I deem it important that open communication be available to intelligently discuss mutual concerns, problems, etc.

Dr. Muller's list of eight accomplishments is testimony to the hard work and diligent effort provided by the volunteer members of the Board. Some accomplishments were relatively easy to achieve; others require long, hard discussion prior to the ultimate resolution. The casual reader of *The Long Island Fisherman* may believe the role of the Advisory Board is easy to define. It is not. The members of the Board are advisory and bring to the Commission their expertise and concerns of their constituents. The Commission has the charged responsibility to establish policy in State parks and must fully analyze each and every proposal brought to its attention. Liability, safety, security, adequate staffing and interaction with other recreational interests are just some of the concerns we must address prior to the resolution of a given issue. *Together* we will continue to make progress, but it is important to note that, at times, progress must be measured in small steps.

The issue of the Federal disposal of the Camp Hero property in Montauk serves as an excellent example of the interaction of the Advisory Board and Commission. Several interested groups and individuals took the time to provide us with important information and viewpoints about the disposal of this East End property. This information was extremely helpful as we proceeded to make final determintions regarding application for some of the property. In addition, several meetings were conducted with officials of the Town of East Hampton and an equitable resolution has been achieved.

Although several types of recreational pursuits contacted us regarding Camp Hero, I would like to limit my comments to those involving fishing interests. The members of the Advisory Board were instrumental in bringing to our attention the importance of the Camp Hero property. Particular thanks is extended to *The Long Island Fisherman* and its Managing Editor, Bill Muller, for indispensable assistance in gathering diverse facts and viewpoints that greatly facilitated a relatively swift and proper resolution of the matter. Dr. Muller and *The Fisherman* worked diligently on this matter, for the most part behind the scene and unheralded and yet with great effectiveness. Too often these matters go unnoticed and unrecognized and it seems appropriate for me to write this letter of thanks and appreciation. The bottom line on the Camp Hero matter is that the State and Town are in accord regarding the disposal of the property—and the people benefit. That's the way it should be! Sincerely, *John G. Sheridan, General Mgr., Long Island State Park & Recreation Commission.*

CAN THIS REEL BE SAVED?

Over the Holidays, I inherited an Ocean City #934 reel (approximately 30-years-old). Can you please inform me whether such reels can be made seaworthy and where can I turn to. Do you know the positions of the spring regarding the lever that engages the wind-up gear? *Raymond S. Dziejma, Maspeth, NY.*

The first thing to do is head for your nearest bait and tackle dealer. Their addresses are listed in the ad sections of LIF. At one of these stores, you'll get a fair appraisal of whether the reel can be saved. If you can't fix it, someone may be able to direct you to a collector, where you can get a fair price. There are a surprising number of people who collect antique tackle. Also try Eastern Reel Service and Altenkirch Tackle in Shinnecock. Dr. W.A.M.

FISHING & HUNTING LAWS

I am doing an assignment for one of my classes in school and I would appreciate it if you would send me the restrictions governing fishing and

hunting. If you do not have this information, it would be a great help if you would send me an address where I can get this information. *Theresa Sassano, Holbrook, NY.*

All the laws of the State of New York concerning fishing and hunting are listed in a book. The State publishes this book of fish and wildlife laws and regulations. To find out how you can get a copy, call the Departmental Conservation at 751-7900.

NOT ENOUGH SOUTH SHORE COVERAGE?

Gentlemen, I would appreciate a little more fishing information about spots located between Jones Beach Inlet and Rockaway Inlet.

It seems to me that your magazine focuses too much attention on the east end of the South and North Shore locations. *Roger Witzgall, Valley Stream, N.Y.*

Dear Roger, We try to please everyone and make every effort to cover ALL of the fishing on Long Island. As for the area you mention, you can look forward to a number of articles covering the western bays, Reynolds Channel, Ambrose Channel, the Tin Can Grounds, Breezy Point, and Jones Beach.

Also, you might note that some "east enders" accuse us of not giving their area enough coverage. The same is true of the North Shore. What it boils down to is that no one can ever get enough of a good thing. In this case, "good things" happen to be articles about the area or type of fishing that you, the reader, like best. Fred Golofaro.

PRAISE FOR ANDY REGINA

I have been reading the LIF for six years, and I must tell you that I have learned so much from its articles and tips, than I could from some of the other books I have read. The articles and advice that you offer have been a great help in filling my fish box. I look forward to each issue of the LIF.

I must tell you that last year on board the "North Star" out of City Island, I met one of your writers: Andy Regina. He is one of the most likeable guys I have ever met; he shared some of his experiences with us. After having talked with him for a good part of the day, I can see why your magazine is as good as it is, and if there is anyone out there who has not been a loyal reader of LIF, they really don't know what they are missing.

P.S.—Even the guys at the N.Y. Coliseum Boat Show were great. Your paper is the best. Keep your hooks wet. *Robert Gilbert, Bronx, N.Y.*

Dear Bob, It's always nice to hear kind words about The Fisherman and its staff, but it's even nicer to hear that we have been able to help improve your fishing prowess.

As for Andy Regina, we get nothing but praise for the man at this end. Thanks for taking the time to write, and good luck in '82. Fred Golofaro.

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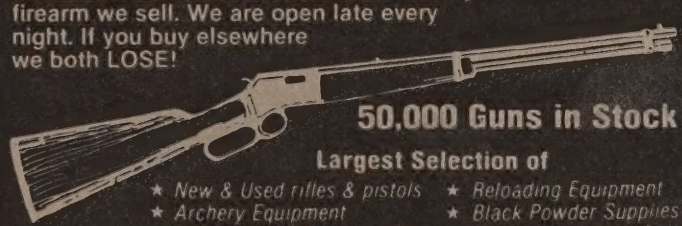

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HUDSON RIVER FOR SPRING ACTION:

OPENING DAY STRIPERS

by Pete Barrett

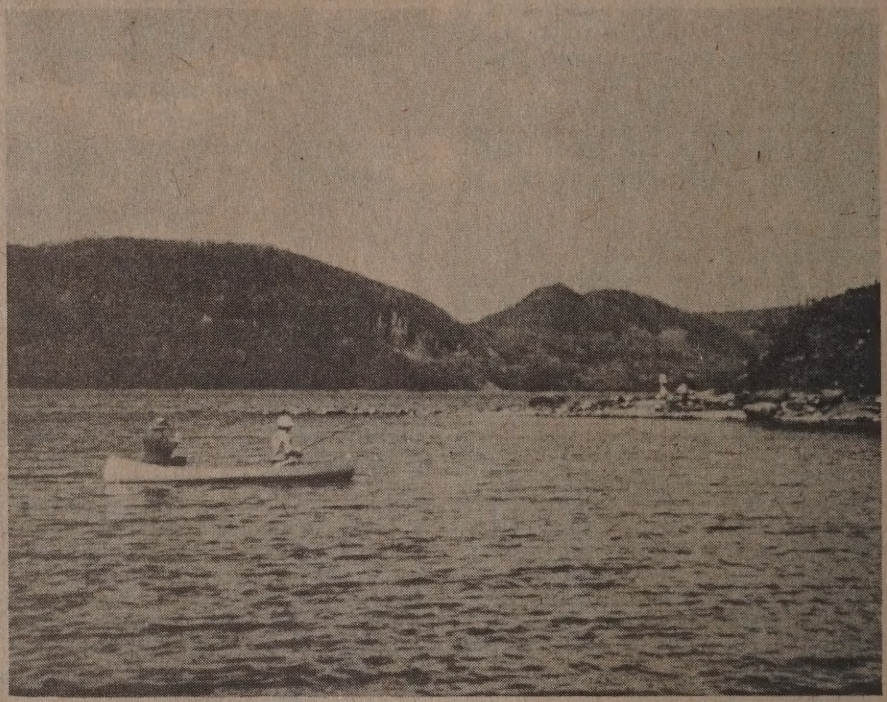
I gave up trout fishing about ten years ago. Not because trout weren't fun or challenging to catch; but because another fish grabbed hold of my senses and refused to let me go. My desire for striped bass became as fanatical as I had previously been with trout. Naturally, bigger bass were to be considered the ultimate prize, but who could wait until late May for the first encounter of the new season with this elusive fish? I needed bass to ease my addiction sooner than that; and so while trout fishing buddies headed for pristine mountain streams, I headed for the Hudson River—Croton Bay to be specific—to pay my respects to the striped bass.

I've been fishing the Hudson for over 15 years all told, and one thing still amazes me: the lack of other anglers on the river. One morning a buddy of mine, Paul Gamba and I fished from his canoe in Croton Bay and scored on bass of 12'' to 28''. The smaller fish were all tagged and released, yet six hefty fish came home for dinner. Another day Jerry Gomber and I went on a tagging spree as striped bass swirled and splashed all over Croton Bay. We ran out of tags at 35 fish, but kept on releasing even more fish after that. I could recount dozens of experiences like these and aside from the good fishing, each has one thing in common: there were no other fishermen around. We were all by ourselves.

If striped bass have gotten under your skin and you can't wait for summer or late spring, give the Hudson River a try. You will probably be pleasantly surprised and if fishing is good, you can catch a good mess of fish.

The season for bass gets going around late March and will last until Memorial Day weekend. Watch for water temperatures getting into the 48° range for fish to begin hitting on baits like sandworms, and by the time the water gets up to 52° to 54° they'll start hitting plugs and bucktails. The peak season is usually from mid-April to the third week in May, but can last into June.

The best spots are from the west shore at Palisades Interstate Park, up through Nyack and along Blauvelt Park above Nyack. This area is mostly bait fishing from the beach with sand or blood worms, although there is some freshwater bass style striper fishing along the shore from just



Rocky rip at Teller's Point in Croton holds many bass on last of outgoing tide. Canoe, small boats and inflatable boats are ideal for bay.

Striped bass young-of-the-year. Hudson has had good spawning over last decade and that means good fishing each spring.

above the Tappan Zee Bridge to the Park about ten miles upriver.

On the eastern shore, the spring fishing has always been best from the little lighthouse at the Tappan Zee Bridge up to Croton Bay and even further upriver to George's Island. If these spots are not familiar to you, get a copy of NOAA chart #282 which will point out the spots just mentioned.

Beach access is readily available at many places along the river, especially at areas where there are parks. At other areas you will have to use some ingenuity to reach the river. You can park a car near the railroad station at Croton and walk to the Croton River which feeds into the Hudson or walk to Croton Bay. Croton Park has easy parking for walk-on anglers. Above Oscawanna, you will find Furnace Brook Rd. which dead ends at the railroad tracks, but puts you on a gravel stretch that runs along the tracks to bring you to Furnace Brook itself—a good spot on the falling tide.

There are many other places to try. A call to Richie Ferris at Croton Bait and Tackle (914-271-3675) or the Outdoorsmen in Fort Lee (201-461-4973) will get you more info.

Launch ramps are available at Nyack where you must get a daily launch permit at nominal cost from the town police station, at Senesqua Beach and at George's Island. I've also launched canoes and car-toppers directly from the sandy beach at Croton Park. I never knew if it was legal or not and no one ever stopped us. I doubt if anyone would prevent you from launching a canoe anywhere so long as you were parked properly. Senesqua Beach ramp requires passage under the Penn Central tracks with a low bridge, so a larger center console or cuddy boat will not fit. This is strictly car-topper country.

Light tackle can be the order of the day for the River, especially if you concentrate on Croton Bay. A light spinning rod like a Fenwick PLS-70 with a matching reel is just fine, or a one-handed plug casting rod like the bass boys use. The best fishing in the Bay is by either trolling slowly with bucktails or swimmers like a Rebel and trolled on a long line. Since the Bay is shallow, I've used lines of 10 or 12 lb. test because of the enlarged diameter of the line as compared to 4 or 6 lb. test. This greater diameter has more water resistance as we troll and helps to keep the bucktails from digging into the bottom. Troll with about 100' of line out.

Once we get on a school of bass, we stop trolling and cast to the fish. We've caught upwards of 50 bass this way—most were tagged and released.

With a mild breeze from the north and an outgoing tide, you can get some good drifts across the Bay and cover every area of it. I especially like the northwest corner by the creek that empties the marsh and the deep hole just to the left of the creek. At high flood you can get to the deep hole by the railroad bridge, but keep an eye

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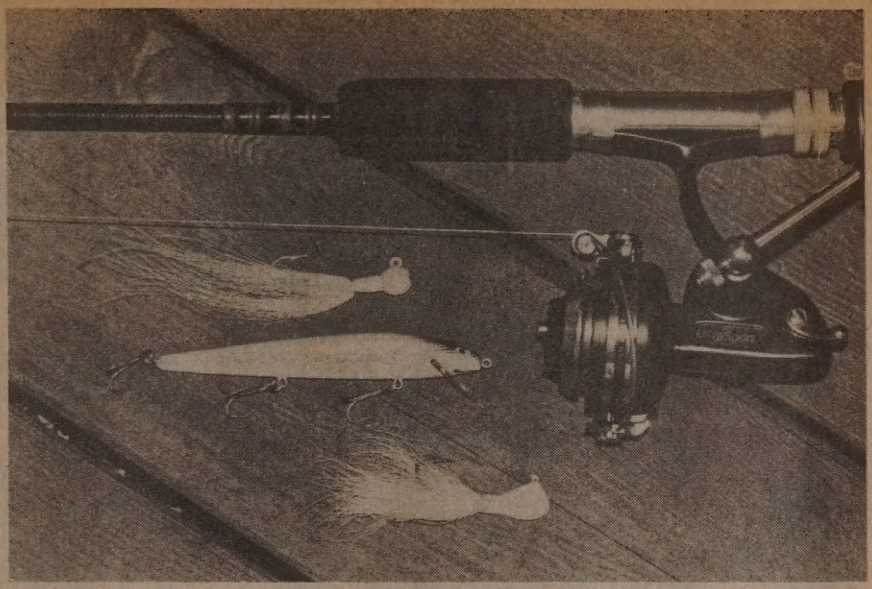
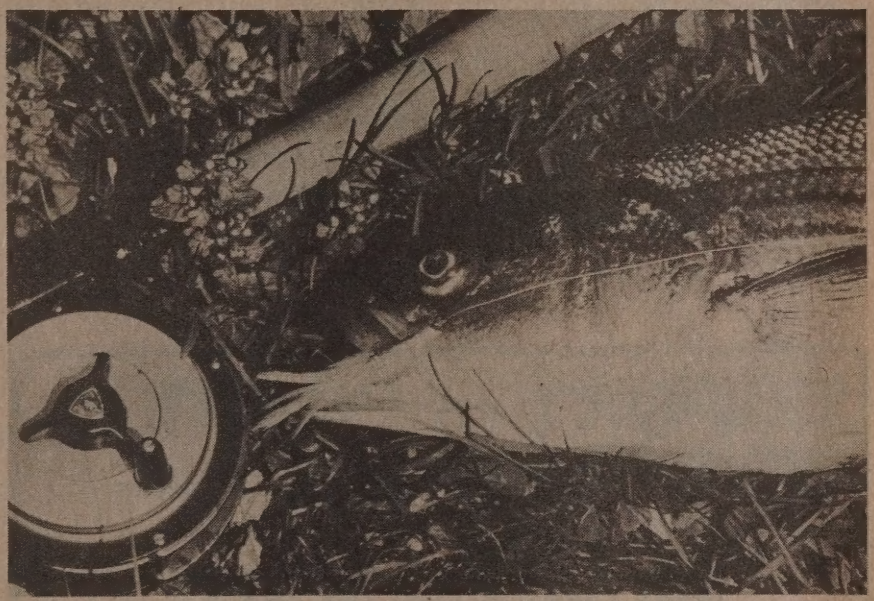
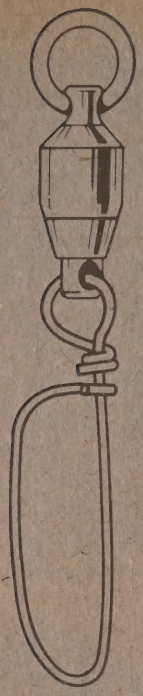


Light spinning tackle and lures like bucktails and swimming plugs are the usual fish catchers.



Fly rodders often score with some decent fish on small streamer flies fished at dawn or dusk.

A typical Croton Bay school bass. Like any place, some days are picky, but others are very good with many good catches reported each spring from April to Memorial Day.



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on the tide so you don't get stranded behind the bar. At the south end of the railroad tracks on the east side of the Bay there is an old jetty and a willow tree to mark a deeper hole that also has bass many days at the end of the dropping tide.

The best lures are the Rebel, Hell-Cat, RedFin and bucktails in either white or yellow and weighing about 3/8 to 3/4 oz. depending on how deep you fish. Lighter is usually better. I've never done well with twister tails or plastic worms on the bugs, but at times a piece of sand worm can spice it up.

Sand worms can be fished either whole on a standard bass rig as shown in the diagram, or slow trolled on a spinner rig. Another good live bait is a freshwater shiner or small herring. If you like to get your own bait, try the Croton River just up from the railroad bridge. You can dart a supply of herring and run your canoe or car-topper under the bridge (just barely!!) and fish the deep hole at the bridge for some good action.

I've always liked to fish the Bay at dawn or dusk, often catching several bass just as the sun popped over the hills of Westchester. It can be an eerie sight as a fog rolls out of the Croton River, engulfs the bridge and rolls into the bay appearing to head right at you and your tiny boat. The Bay is clean, marsh lined on one side and if the bass are cooperative, you'll never pay any mind to the trains and commuters heading for the Big Apple.

You can wade the Bay if you like. Some of our best fly rod action over the last ten years hasn't been at more glamorous places, but rather right in Croton Bay. Again, park at the railroad station at Croton, head south to cross the bridge (don't get caught as a train is passing through!) and walk the tracks to the sandy beach known as Crawbuckie. From here you can wade all along the east shore. The Bay is so shallow, you can wade quite some distance from the shore.

Although not on a fly rod, one of the biggest bass I've seen from the River was taken right here at Crawbuckie Beach—a 38 lber. that took a Rebel and caught by Jerry Gomber. One morning while wading and casting small yellow streamers, a buddy and I took five bass from 6 to 15 lbs.! Another evening with spinning tackle, we caught eleven bass up to 14 lbs., all on 6 lb. line.

As Jimmy Buffet says, "Ah, the stories we could tell." I could go on and on, but the point here is that the fishing can be good, if you're looking for some place new to fish, give the River a try. Many fishermen will travel a hundred miles to catch a single weakfish, or bass or big blue, yet the River with its many stripers is virtually ignored.

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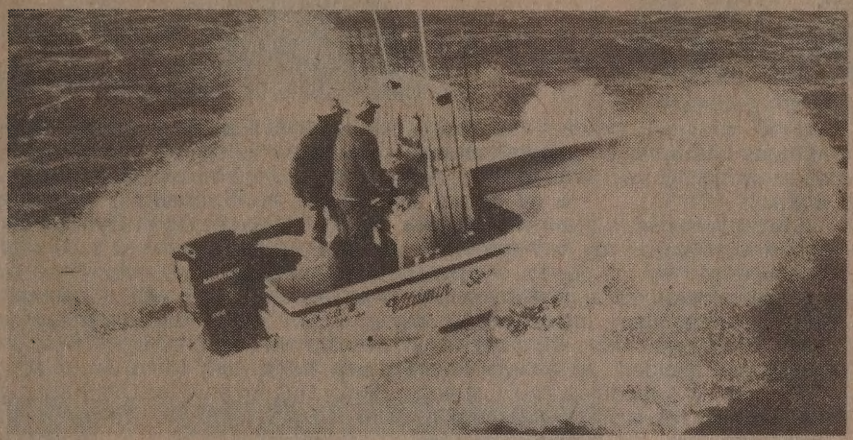

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GETTING STARTED

Part One — *by Art Michaels*

It's easy to get started in fly tying. Once you apply a few basics in practice on some easy patterns, you can test your creations on your favorite lake or stream. And when a big fish smashes one of your homemade flies, you could become a confirmed fly tying addict. You'll discover that catching fish on home-tied flies is a special thrill. Here are the basics of materials and operations you'll need to know to get started.

Seven items are necessary to tying your first flies. They are a vise, a bobbin, thread, scissors, a bodkin or dubbing needle, hackle pliers, and head cement. Consider each item in greater detail.

Vise. There are more than nine different kinds of vises available, so don't just buy the least expensive one. A Thompson Model "B" vise, which I used to tie my first flies, is a sturdy device that is useful for tying flies on large heavy-wired hooks, such as those used in saltwater. Tyers who wish to work only with saltwater materials might consider this vise or the Thompson lever-action Model "F" vise as a good first investment. The "B" vise costs between $25 and $30; the "F" vise costs a little less. Each will last a lifetime of tying.

The "B" vise is operated by screw action. The jaws of the vise are closed by a screw that pulls them tightly around the hook shank. The screw tightens the jaws on tapered steel, thus locking the jaws around the hook shank.

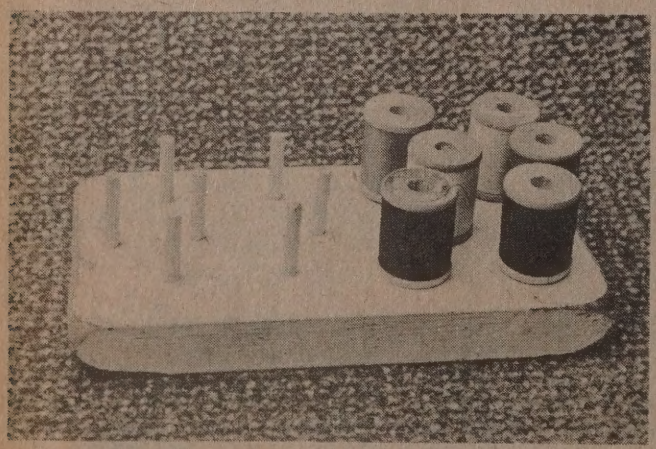
My second vise, a Herter Model 9, has since become my workhorse. A Thompson "A" vise is similar. Instead of holding the hook by screw action, these vises operate with a cam. They are also adjustable in height, a decided advantage over "B" and "F" models. You'll spend about $30 or more on a vise like this. The Thompson "A" vise is a good beginner's vise for all-around fresh-water fly tying.

Bobbins. Open-side bobbins, jiffy bobbins, chase bobbins, and wire bobbins are all good first choices. They allow using different thread sizes and varied tension adjustments. Novice tyers need to experiment with thread tension, especially for the first few streamers and bass bugs. So if I had to choose one kind of bobbin for a beginner, I'd probably go with the jiffy bobbin by Thompson because of its versatility in adjusting the tension of the thread. A good bobbin costs between $5 and $10.

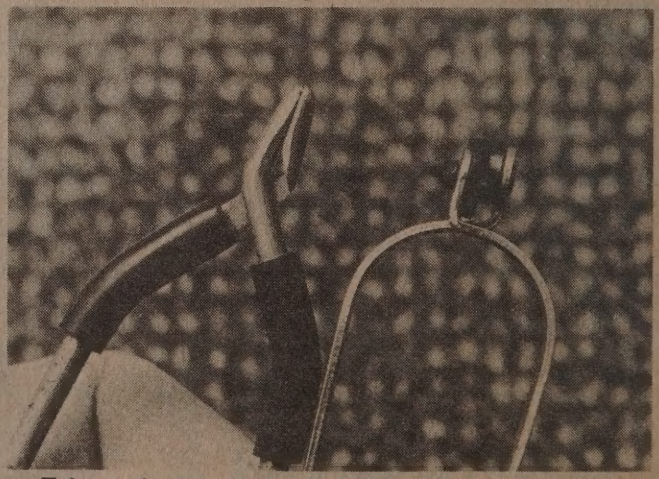
Thread. There is great variety in thread sizes and colors. Sizes range from EE, which is used for rod windings, large hair bugs, and flies on which great thread tension is required, to 6/0, which is extremely light and is used for tying the smallest flies. I started tying flies with a 4/0 thread, which was a mistake. I couldn't avoid breaking the thread several times during the tying of a fly, so on flies that I bothered to complete, I had bulky sections that were retied. I'd start over again with a 2/0 thread. Sure, you might pull on this thread and break it right in the middle of tying a fly, and it's a little on the heavy side for standard trout flies, but the strength of any fly tying thread is something you'll have to get used to.

I once tied up a bunch of bivisibles in hook size 10 with size E thread, nearly the largest size available, and I fished these flies on a New York State trout stream. I caught my limit of 18" brown trout with them, and when each trout slammed the daylights out of those flies, I think it's safe to say that they couldn't have cared less what size thread I had used. All in all, size 2/0 thread is a good compromise for tying your first flies.

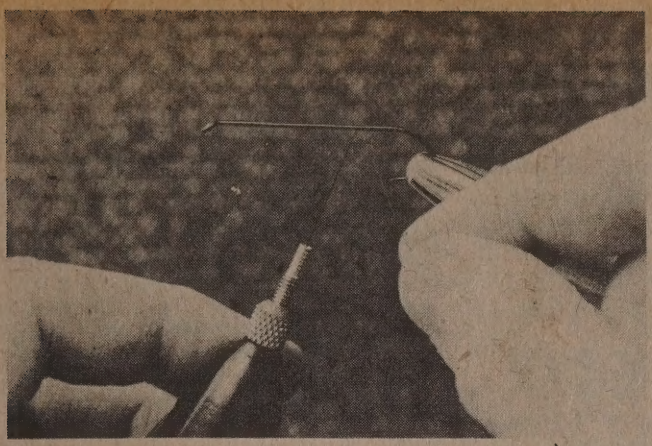
You will also find catalogs filled with pre-waxed threads, flat thread, and threads in just about every color you can imagine. Start with a plain, 50-yard spool of black nylon thread in size 2/0, which should cost between thirty and fifty cents. There's plenty of time for fancying after you master the basics. Photo #1 shows one inexpensive way to organize tying



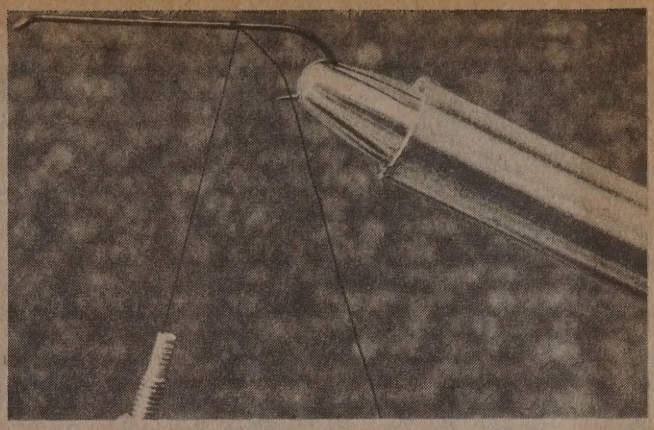
This homemade rack is ideal for storing tying threads efficiently and cheaply. The block of scrap wood is 7" long, 3½" wide, and 3/4" thick. I drilled 13 evenly-spaced 3/16" holes in the wood, and glued in each each 3/16" dowels, cut 1½" long. Presto—storage for 13, 50-yard spools of thread.



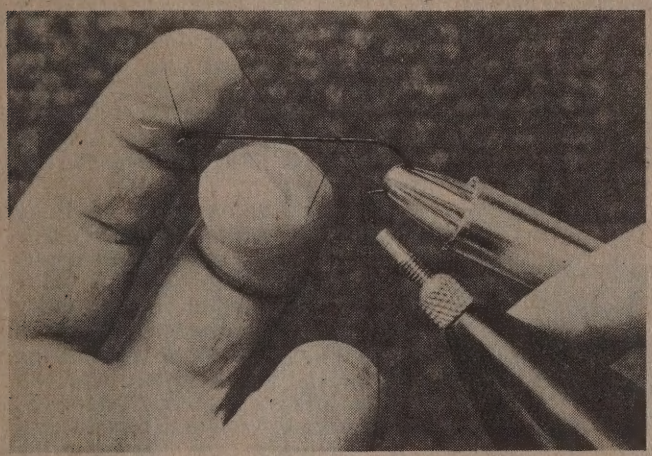
Take a close look at two different kinds of hackle pliers. On the left is the English kind, with one metal jaw and one rubber-lined jaw. The serrations in some English hackle pliers are so sharp, they'll cut hackle tips unless you file them down.



Where you want to start the threads depends on the fly pattern you're tying. Many flies are started by anchoring the thread on the hook shank just above the bend. Wherever I've started the thread on a variety of patterns, this method has worked for me right from my very first fly. Left-handed tyers can follow the directions as is. Right-handed tyers (vise pointing in the opposite direction) should interchange the words "left" and "right." Start by reeling off five or six inches of tying thread from the bobbin, and place the thread over the hook shank.



Keeping the line tight with both hands, wind three or four turns of thread from the bobbin over the strand you're holding with the right hand. You're going to secure the thread on the hook with a half-hitch. You can use this operation to secure all your materials, and finish the fly head with a series of three or four-half hitches. Keeping the thread taut from the bobbin, grasp the bobbin with your right hand, freeing your left hand. Place your left hand index and middle fingers on the thread between the hook and the bobbin so that the finger point to the right with the fingernails facing you.



Turn your fingers and hand away from you so that your fingernails now face the hook. Place the loop you've just made in the thread over the shank and draw the knot down snugly to the turns of thread. You've just tied a half-hitch. Practice this operation until you can tie four of them in 6 or 7 seconds, with your eyes closed. From this position, we will tie our first fly in next week's installament.

Here are three of my five compartmented boxes, which I use for storing all my small fly tying materials: hooks, cork and sponge rubber bug bodies, and many other kinds of hackle, wing material, and body material.

threads as you graduate to different colors and sizes.

Scissors. Sharp, excellent-quality scissors are a must. Most scissors available for fly tying differ only in size—their quality is generally quite good. I started tying with standard scissors that were about 4-3/4" long, and these proved to be quite satisfactory. I cut everything with them cleanly from the smallest thread to the bulkiest bunches of deer hair and bucktail. I was lucky because this first pair of scissors met the single, most important requirement for fly tying scissors: the ability to cut evenly and cleanly from the bottom to the tip of the blades. Curved-bladed scissors and straight-bladed ones are available but I opt for the straight-bladed scissors. In critical cutting, these provide less guesswork as to where the cut will actually be made. In addition, if you have large, pudgy fingers, you will need scissors with large finger holes. Scissors run about $5 to $10.

Bodkin or dubbing needle. A bodkin or dubbing needle is a straight piece of thin, sharply-pointed steel mounted in a piece of wood or plastic. This tool is useful for dabbing small drops of cement on fly heads and knots during tying, for making small adjustments in tying, like bunching hair and hackle you've tied on the hook, and poking cement out of hook holes. I also use a bodkin for putting drops of epoxy glue in the pores of pockmarked cork bass bug bodies. My first bodkin was a Herter, and it was fine—thin and very sharply pointed. This tool costs less than a dollar.

Hackle pliers. Three kinds of hackle pliers are available: English, which consist of flattened, serrated metal jaws; non-skid pliers, which consist of flattened metal jaws that are lined with rubber pads; and some companies offer a compromise hackle plier, which has one rubber-lined jaw and one plain metal jaw (see photo #2). I prefer the compromise kind, even though I occasionally use the English kind. I have found that for beginners, the non-skid or the compromise kind is best. They seem to grip hackle butts better, and a good, firm, grip is required for a beginner's unsure hands. If two sizes are available, get the larger size. It's easier to handle. Hackle pliers cost about $4.50 a pair.

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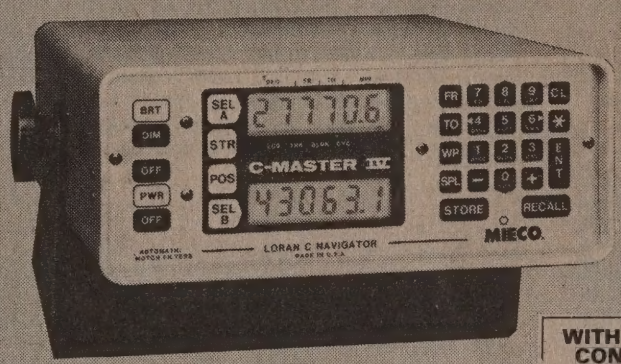

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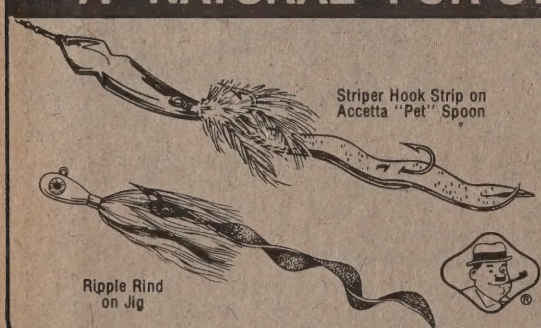

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Basic Operations. Two operations basic to tying flies should be mastered: starting the thread on the hook, and finishing the fly head with half-hitches or with a whip finish knot. For now, master finishing a fly with a series of two to four half-hitches. Then, when you purchase a whip finisher, be sure the device comes with instructions (most do), which you can follow easily. See Photos 3-5 for illustrations of these basic operations.

Other considerations. Are you a left-handed tyer or a right-handed tyer? In other words, will your vise point to the left or to the right? Bringing up this question often perplexes beginners, and boy, as a lefty I had a devil of a time trying to translate instructions for tying procedures for my left-handedness! You will notice that most illustrated fly tying books show the vise pointing from left to right. Because I tie flies the other way, I recommend strongly that you tie flies with your vise going from left to right, if your dexterity permits a choice. You won't have to translate most tying instructions, which may be difficult to follow in the first place.

Where you set up your fly tying operation could ensure greater success. You need a desk or bench on which you can spread out your materials and to which you can easily anchor the vise. Remember that as you tie more and more complicated patterns, the desk and the floor will become littered with cut materials. My wife appropriately calls my tying area "the gerbil cage," because the area is littered with all manner of tying materials, as a gerbil's cage is littered. I clean up meticulously after each tying session, thus keeping peace in the valley and my marriage cordial.

Regular and efficient clean-up is a consideration, but as your tying prowess grows, so will your cache of materials. Then, storage becomes an important consideration that is related to clean-up. I once happily vacummed up and threw away two dozen hooks all in the same size because I neglected to store my materials before I began the clean-up. If you're an itinerant fly tyer who has to get out and set-up, and take down and put away with each tying session, store your materials with great care. Photo #6 provides some ideas for storing fly tying materials. In addition, right from the beginning, get out all the materials you'll need to tie each fly so that your tying progresses smoothly.

Don't miss next week's Part II of this series: step-by-step instructions for making a tremendously effective streamer-fly that's easy to tie. This pattern is good for freshwater tyers as well as first-time saltwater tyers.

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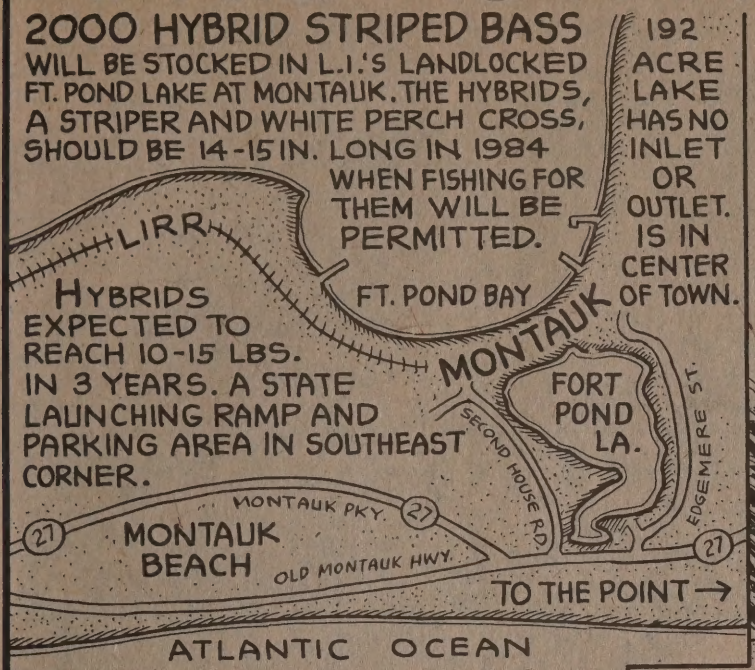

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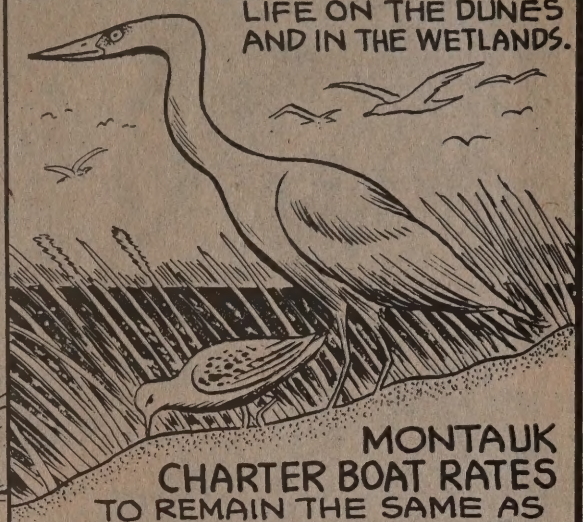

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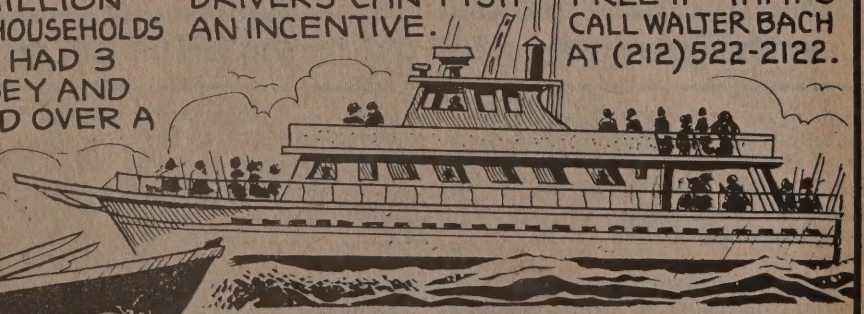

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THE BLOCK ISLAND CONNECTION

by Capt. Bill Ricca

"...while jigging does catch, bait fishing will usually put more cod in your fish box."

From April until early June, codfish are within reach of small boat anglers out of Montauk. Right off, it should be noted that the term "small boat," by Montauk standards, pertains to a very seaworthy craft of from 21' to 24' or more.

The spring fishing grounds are located southwest of Block Island. The prime areas include the rocky bottom areas adjacent to the Hooter Buoy and Southwest Ledge. The Hooter Buoy (#R"2A") on chart #13205 lies 3/4 miles southwest of the southern end of Block Island. Southwest Ledge is also in this direction, but about three miles offshore (Buoy #R"2"). The distance from Montauk Inlet to these fishing grounds is about 16 nautical miles. If you refer to chart #13205, you will note that from Shagwong Point, you would steer almost a due easterly course.

To reach these locations, several rip areas must be traversed. These rips, under certain conditions, can be a nightmare. They will become dangerous or at least uncomfortable when you have a situation where a strong wind is up against the tide. An example would be a northeast or northwest wind vs. an incoming tide.

It is possible for small boats to safely make the crossing when proper conditions exist. Generally, the later on in spring, the better your chances of finding good conditions. However, you should remain mindful that existing conditions can change greatly over the course of a very short time.

In addition to wind and tide conditions, visibility or the lack of it, could and does present a problem at this time of year. On many days fog, or at least haze, restricts visibility to

varying degrees.

To undertake this trip, you should have on board an up-to-date chart of the area and a good compass. You should know how to read the chart and plot a course. Also, a VHF radio and a chart recorder, both in working order, are essential.

It would not hurt to have on board a Loran C or an RDF. If you do not possess either of these pieces of equipment, I would urge you to make arrangements to follow a friend who does. This can be of double benefit to you. First, there is always safety in numbers when running offshore. Secondly, with Loran, you will be able to steer a truer course, thus covering less distance and saving fuel.

Once on the grounds, there are two methods of fishing: one is bait fishing with skimmer clams; the other is to diamond jig.

I've employed both and have found that while jigging does catch, bait fishing will usually put more cod in your fish box.

Under the right conditions, you can drift and either jig or bait fish. This is particularly true early in the season when there aren't too many other boats on the scene. This can, at times, be very productive, although last year, drift fishing was limited due to the many lobster traps that were placed in the area. When the traps and other boats are numerous, it's time to anchor up.

As far as tackle goes, I use 7' to 8' medium to heavy action rods with revolving spool reels. I've found that the Penn Squidder, Special 3/0 and the Sea Line 50H spooled with 30 lb. test Ande line works well for this type of fishing.

During periods of fast moving water, you will need 10 to 14 oz. of lead to hold bottom. At slack tide you can get away with 8 oz.

The fish generally encountered in this area are small to medium in size. These, by the way, make the best eating. They will run from 3-12 lbs., with an occasional 20 lber. thrown in. Anyone using very heavy line on these fish is just making things difficult for himself. The heavier the line you use, the more drag you will encounter and the more lead you will need to hold bottom.

I use a standard two hook rig; that is, two hooks, 6/0 beak or claw style, snelled on 24", 50 lb. test leaders. They are placed three feet apart on a length of 50 lb. mono and are attached to the heavy mono by the use of dropper loops. The lower hook will be 8" above the sinker, which is also attached to the leader by the use of an end loop. Each hook is then baited with a freshly shucked skimmer clam.

When fishing this area in the spring, besides catching codfish, several bonuses are possible. Snowshoe flounder, pollack and blackfish all inhabit the same area and can be caught along with the cod. To score with these other fish, certain adjustments must be made. For the snowshoes you should attach a single #5 or #6 flounder hook on a 12" leader very close to the sinker. This can be accomplished by tying the flounder hook to your sinker end loop. This will be baited with a small strip of clam. Once the entire baited rig is lowered to the bottom the rod tip is occasionally raised dlowly. If additional weight is felt, a quick jerk of the rod tip is all that's necessary to set your hook into one of these prized flounder.

At the Block Island Grounds, you will encounter flounder from 2-4 lbs. with an occasional larger fish taken every now and then. It is possible to hook a flounder on the bottom hook and also take a cod on one of the higher hooks.

Last season was a good year for Block Island flounder, and we generally caught as many of them as we did cod. It was not unusual for four men to catch 30 cod on a single tide with an equal number of flatties thrown in.

Blackfish are possible and seem to hit best at slack or slow-moving water. They will be found towards the end of the cod run (late May) where the bottom shoals up.

Based on my own experiences, pollack fishing has been a disappointment the last few seasons. Once a very consistent game fish out East at this time of year, they are now a hit-and-miss affair. They are usually jigged while drifting, using a 6 or 8 oz. diamond jig with a 7/0 to 9/0 tube tied 3' above the jig. The most productive tube colors have been red, white and green. At this time, cod can be taken along with the pollack or by themselves when no pollack are around.

It should be noted that it is best to employ a slow retrieve, more like weakfishing than a fast bluefish type retrieve for cod. Save the fast retrieve for pollack. Cod will be encountered within a few feet of the bottom, whereas the pollack could be anywhere from the bottom to halfway up to the surface.

Over the last few seasons, the best pollack scores have been made trolling wire line or using downriggers. The fishing has taken place in deeper water more southeast of Block Island. The pollack are large, from teen size to the mid-30s, but very sporadic.

Jig fishing for cod and pollack is directly related to the amount of bait fish, in particular sand eels, that are available in the water. When there is an abundance of sand eels, jig fishing can be very productive.

It's hard to predict what 1982 will bring; but the run of small spring cod at Block Island has been improving each year, so it's a good bet to say that '82 should favor us with some fine spring codfishing.

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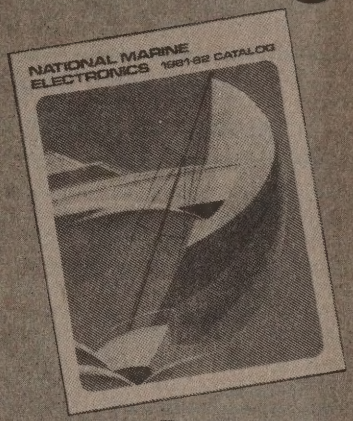

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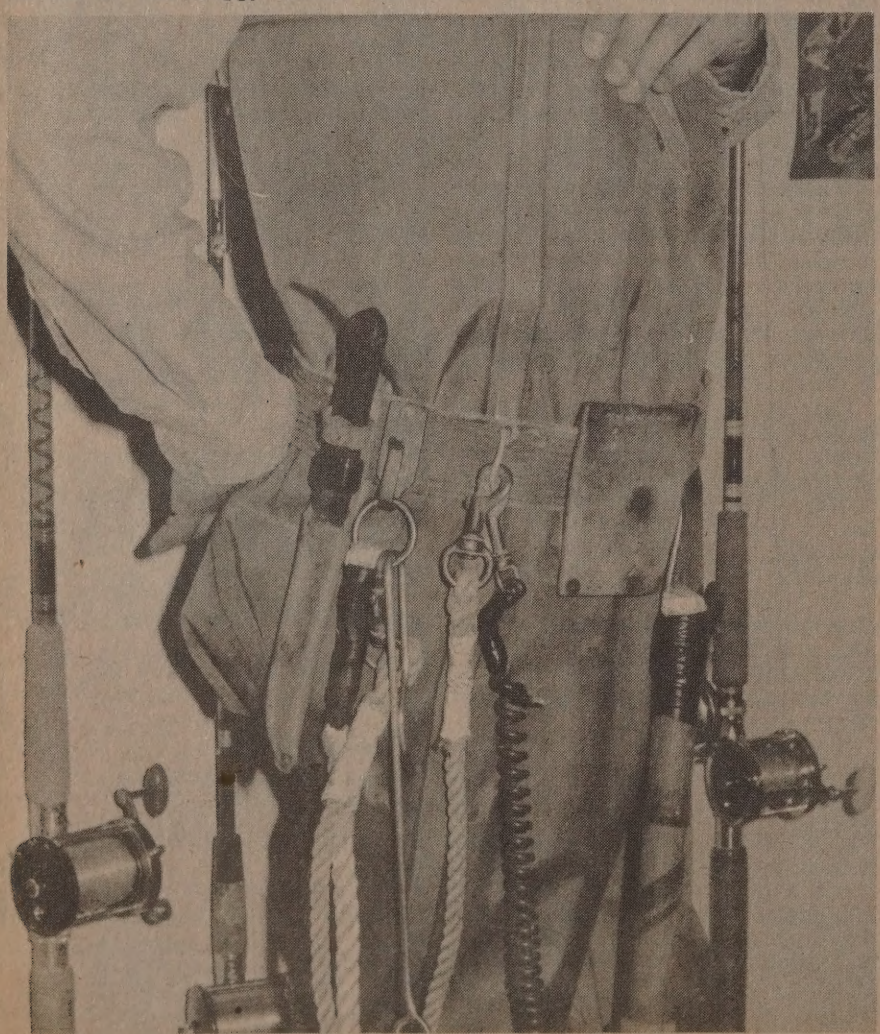
by John Fritz

Efficiency is a major factor when it comes to taking gamefish from the surf.

A unique characteristic of surf fishing is that the shore-bound angler must carry his gear somewhere about his body. Although there may be some similarity between a boat fisherman and the owner of a beach buggy, in that a considerable amount of equipment may be nearby, the boatman rarely gets out of his craft to fish, whereas a surfman will invariably leave his rig to wade into the surf. In many instances, the distance from the actual fishing location and the vehicle may be so great that little benefit is realized from the extra gear which is carried in the buggy. Aside from those surfmen fishing bottom, it is necessary that a surfman have his hands free to cast at all times. Everything but the fishing rod itself should be designed to fit about the person. The one article which allows for this essential freedom of movement is the surfman's belt.

While a few surfmen seem satisfied with a wide leather belt, the majority of experienced surfmen prefer the military pistol belt. The most readily apparent drawback against using a belt made of leather is that when exposed to repeated soaking by saltwater, the leather will deteriorate whereas the pistol belt I started surf fishing with has provided over 20 years of service. It must be pointed out that the quality of the belt should be equal to the standards demanded by our Armed Forces in that the webbing be made of heavy duty canvas or nylon and all metal parts are of brass or some other non-corrosive metal. There are numerous cheap imitations on the market which should be ignored. Spend the extra bucks and sacrifice a little time and effort to locate the genuine item, for it will provide many seasons of trouble-free service.



A military surplus web belt provides the foundation for keeping essential items within reach.

The best places to begin looking for an authentic pistol belt is in the larger government surplus stores such as those found in the vicinity of Broadway and Houston Streets in Manhattan. On Long Island, there were two well stocked surplus stores located on Merrick Road: one was east of the Meadowbrook Parkway and the other was east of the Wantagh Parkway. With the price of gas being what it is today, an involved search for the correct belt could become expensive; therefore, it might be advisable to order the belt listed in the 1981 Surfcaster's Catalog for $7.95. The caption describing the belt in this catalog states that it is adjustable to 46'' and while this may seem sufficient, remember that it must be fitted over waders, top, and all that heavy clothing worn underneath. I do not recall seeing a belt which provides for a greater girth, but I cannot visualize any problem in joining two belts together if there are any real heavyweights reading this column. I do know that if the belt is too tight, it can cause discomfort and be extremely difficult to unbuckle. This I found out one night in a snowstorm at Crabmeadow when I tried to unharness my year-round fishing partner, George. I would have left him there, but the keys to his car were buried under his waders. If I remember correctly I think he almost passed out from sucking in his gut so that I could get the belt undone with my numb fingers.

Before I venture into describing a few of the items which can be worn about the waist, it should be pointed out that the wearing of a snug belt, sealing the waterproof top over the waders, provides a definite measure of safety should a person suddenly find himself in deep water. The belt will retard the flow of water past the outer clothing furnishing a few added minutes for the angler to regain his footing before the waders fill with water.

The two most common items worn around the waist are a hand gaff and a fish stringer. A suitable gaff can be purchased at any well stocked tackle store, but stringers offered over the counter are designed for sweet water use and are of little use to the saltwater angler. These stringers, featuring 9 large clips coupled to a flimsy three-foot chain, will quickly turn a bright orange color after contact with sea water. Even if a

rust-proof metal was used in the manufacture of this stringer, the design is not satisfactory for use in the surf.

First of all, the length is too short to prevent the strung fish from entangling the angler's legs or from keeping the tooth-filled jaws of a bluefish a safe distance from one's precious waders. This stringer could possibly serve in a pinch if the fish are first tossed on the beach to die before being strung for the walk back to the car. Most veteran surfmen who wade any distance from the shore where beaching a fish is impractical, prefer 10' to 12' lengths of chain or nylon rope for a stringer. If chain is desired for fashioning a stringer, it should be of stainless steel or heavy brass. The common lighter brass chain found in most hardware stores can break when a stringer loaded with fish is lifted out of the water. Trouble-free stainless steel chain can be purchased from the Eastern Chain Co., located at 144 West 18th Street in Manhattan.

Surfmen have devised several different designs of stringers. Unfortunately, with the limited space available, I am not able to go into detail. The basic design features a rod, for pushing through the gills of the fish on one end of the chain, a large ring on the other end and several large split rings spaced equally along the chain to shorten the hanging loops when the stringer is not being used. Devising a method which can be used with a minimum of difficulty for attempting to string a frisky fish, equipped with teeth or sharp dorsal fins while being buffeted by the surf, is no easy task.

The hand gaff requires one modification before it is suitable for use in the surf. A length of coiled telephone cord should be attached to the handle of the gaff with the opposite end equipped with a clip with which it can be secured to the ringed holes found in the pistol belt. A gaff so equipped will not be lost if inadvertently dropped in the water.

After these two items are acquired, the next task is to secure them to the belt in a manner which will permit their simple removal should either of these articles be deemed non-essential on any particular trip. The gaff requires a holder which allows for speedy disengagement with one hand, while at the same time sheathing the point from puncturing the waders or a careless hand. Gaff holders can be made at home out of plexiglass or purchased at the local shop. The leather sheath most often seen in tackle stores is a serviceable item, but there is also a molded plastic sheath on the market which securely locks the gaff head in place while allowing for swift removal with one hand. The latter is available at the better supplied tackle stores, one of which is Kronuch's, way out east in Montauk.

The store-bought items are designed to slip on the belt, but if a homemade stringer or gaff holder is desired, a means must be devised to secure the article to the belt. I have solved the problem by wrapping a piece of sheet brass, measuring 3''x6'' around the belt and bolting the gaff holder through the brass plate and the belt. For the stringer, I fastened a heavy duty brass clip to the belt by bolting a brass eye to the plate. With this set-up, either the stringer or the gaff can be easily removed but the gaff holder and the brass clip are permanently to the belt. Remember to use only rust-proof hardware and to smooth all edges and sharp points. Detailed features have previously been written on fashioning these two articles and how to secure them to the pistol belt. If so desired, back copies of The Long Island Fisherman are available. The stringer was featured in the 1/8/76 issue and the gaff holder on 2/23/78.

Occasionally one will encounter a surfman who attaches his plug bag to the belt, but I feel that this is a poor idea. The logical place to carry the bag is to the rear of the body in a manner that will not hinder the cast. If this idea is practiced the belt must be worn loose so that the bag can be slid to the side when a change of lures is desired. Since the bag is then carried low on the body, an angler wading into the surf frequently fills the bag with water, adding substantial weight which tends to pull the belt lower on the body and also produces added strain to the lower back. The more practical and comfortable way to carry a plug bag is to sling it over the shoulder with the bag resting just under the shoulder blade. Added comfort can be gained by replacing the thin straps provided with the bag with a wide strap such as those used for car seat belts.

Additional items which are occasionally carried on the pistol belt include cutting pliers, knife, bait box, billies, sand spikes or the plastic tubs in which a fly fisherman coils his line. Even though the Sargents Plier is a must item on any fishing trip, their tendency to rust should compel the angler to carry them underneath the waterproof clothing.

The variety of equipment needed by today's surfmen varies according to the method of fishing, the terrain encountered and the fish being sought. Frequently many of the above items can be left behind. The requirements of each trip can be decided beforehand and since each piece of gear has been designed for simple attachment to the belt, unnecessary items can be removed. The less weight to be carried, the less tiresome a trip can be. Hands free to wield a rod at any moment, without stopping to place all hand carried gear safely above the rush of the waves, will ensure the surfman more time in the water catching fish. After all, that is what this game is all about.

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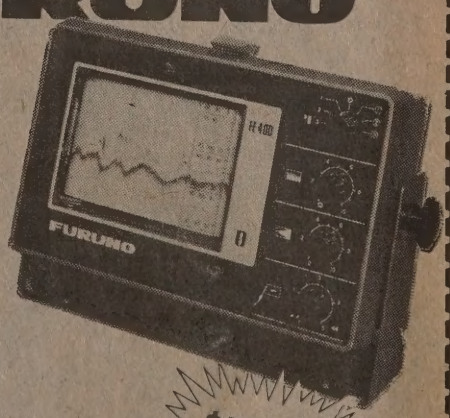

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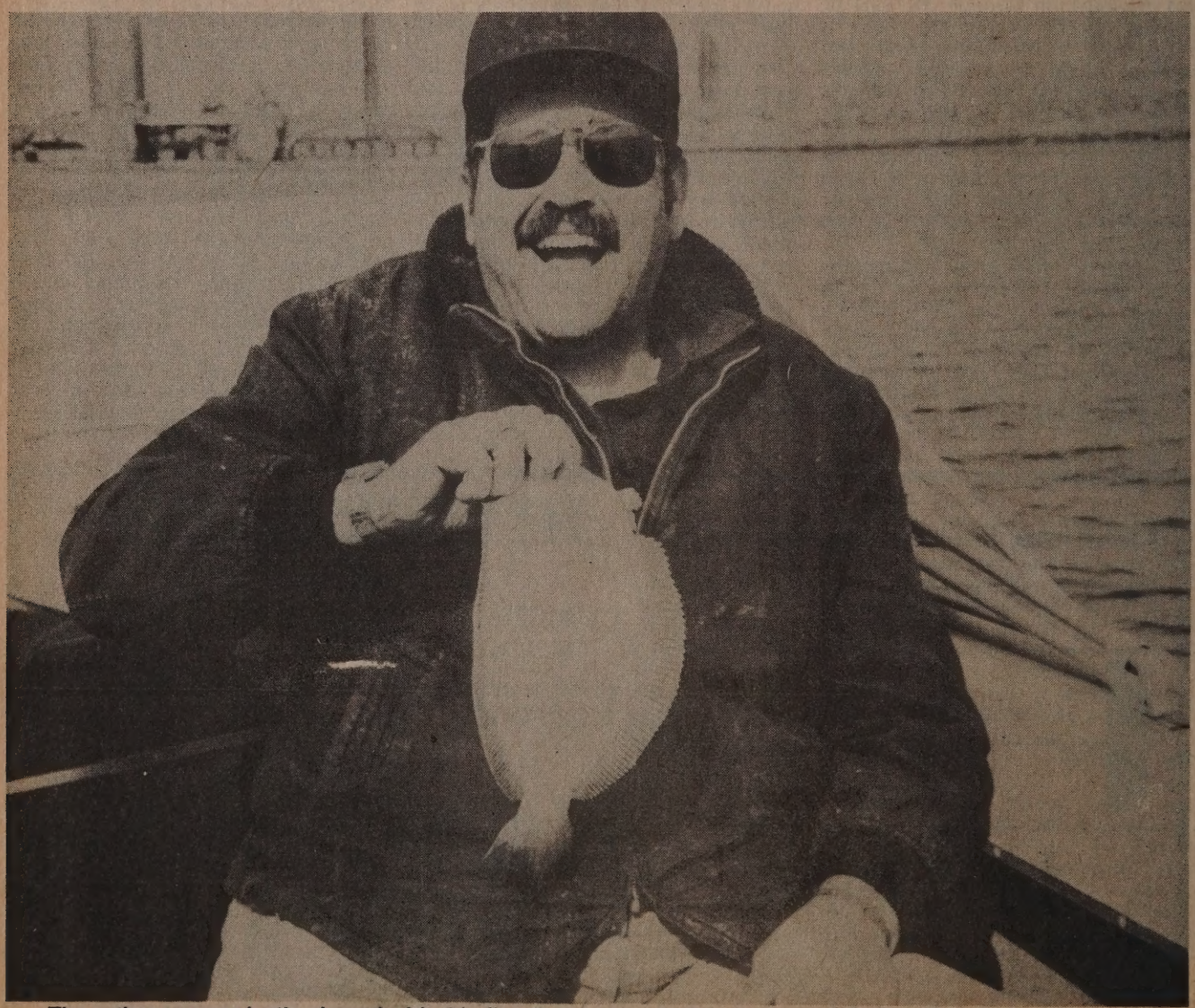
by Andy Regina

When it comes to big flounder, the east end of Long Island has nothing over the western sound, if...

There's something about the lowly little winter flounder that makes it perhaps the most sought-after fish in America—if not in the entire world. It might be their ready availability to fishermen, or the simplicity of tackle, methods, and techniques that can be used to catch them. Most likely it is their exquisite taste that prompts their popularity, for they are truly delicious and can be prepared in many ways, from haute-cuisine cooking to simple pan frying. Each devotee of flounder flesh has their own favorite recipe, and many millions of flounder are eaten every year by millions of people, be they anglers or not.

We seek our flounder for yet another reason, although it is still the one fish that meets with everyone's approval when it appears on our dinner table. To us, the flounder is our signal that winter is truly over, for they are the first fish available each year—literally our piscatorial harbingers of spring. And each year sees us rushing the new season a little earlier, hopefully prospecting deserted beaches along the north shore of western Long Island Sound, close to our home in the Bronx. All thoughts of waiting until St. Patrick's Day (the traditional opening day of the season) go by the boards as we initiate our hunt sometime in February, depending upon the severity of the past winter. If it was comparatively mild with little or no ice-up, we start around Lincoln's Birthday. If the winter was cold and harsh, we delay our overture until Washington's Birthday.

At this early stage of the game it is strictly a shore fishing proposition, as no boats have hit the water yet. Party boats are still up on the ways receiving last minute refinishing, and



The author appears justly pleased with this fine flattie taken in the shadows of Pelham Bay Bridge. Photo by Andy Regina.

rental skiffs are either belly-up on dry land getting their bottoms painted, or awash at the docks swelling seams water-tight. Private boats resemble shrouded ghosts as their owners continue to hibernate, and marinas remain snow-capped, awaiting the return of proprietors from warmer climes. Even local bait shops are still closed, so we must dig our own bait, which is usually sand worms, but mussels and clams can be excellent substitutes. We manage to get out a few times before party boats start sailing, hoping that some tiny flattie will titillate our taste buds as well as our frozen fingers, by struggling feebly against a bowed fishing rod. This gives us a jump of a week or two before saner fishermen start their season—time enough to unleash pent-up winter frustrations.

The first place party boats usually head for in the Sound is Oyster Bay, far enough away to prohibit a trip in a small boat. We climb aboard a party boat and sail with them, fishing near Bayville and enjoying the bigger fish to be caught there; fish about a pound apiece. When March fades into April, some surprisingly big flounder are usually caught, fish up to 3 lbs., which are nice flounder in any man's language. This run of large fish is relatively short-lived, however, usually only lasting about a week or so, and can be traced on their outbound migration by the very boats fishing for them, from Bayville to the big, round light that separates Oyster Bay from Cold Spring Harbor, to Center Island, then into the Sound. Once in the Sound, these fish are lost to us for another year, at which time they return to spawn again in the spring.

Fishermen are a spoiled lot, never truly satisfied with things as they are; hence that half-pound flounder so eagerly sought in February and those 1 lb. fish of March are now scornfully disdained while memories of giant flatties are fresh in our minds. We want big fish, and forsake the smaller flounder that literally pave the bottom of the Sound as we search for those elusive biggies. The problem is that those big fish get lost in the vastness of the open Sound as they seek their way seaward, either towards Block Island Sound in the east or the East River in the west—both outlets into the Atlantic Ocean. We decided to search for these big fish as they headed our way, figuring to intercept them as they sought their escape via the western route—the East River, which originates right in our back yard.

The task of locating any fish is simplified if knowledge of its habits and life style are known beforehand. The winter flounder (**Pseudopleuronectes americanus**) is found along the northeastern coast from Labrador to Georgia, and is known by many colloquial names. Called flatfish, blackback, blueback, black flounder, mud dab, or just plain flat, they are all one and the same fish. Although they

Senior citizen with freshly decked 2 lb. flounder taken from an open boat in Oyster Bay. Photo by Andy Regina.

are shallow water fish, they can be found from well up into the high tide mark to depths of 400'. As a rule, smaller fish are found in shallower water and larger fish at deeper depths, although large fish can and will enter water less than one foot deep at times.

Flounder move about considerably as they search for food, but do not generally migrate too far from home. There is a distinct movement from deep water to shallow water in the spring and an offshore movement in the fall, precipitated by the spawning urge and water temperature. The flounder cannot abide extremes of water temperature, preferring ranges from 48° to 64°, as anything higher or lower than that would extensively overheat or chill them. Spawning generally occurs from January to May, reaching a peak in March and April, and is usually done over sandy bottom at depths of from one to forty feet, after which the fish scatter over a wide area.

Strictly bottom feeders, flounder prefer a structure of soft, rich, black mud, especially if it is teeming with minute marine life: crustaceans, mollusks, or tiny seaworms that make up the bulk of their diet. They also feed on small plants and tiny invertebrates, plus larval or tiny fish that may be small enough to fit into the mini-mouths of these odd-shaped, right-handed flatfish. Offshore they prefer hard or soft bottom, and can be

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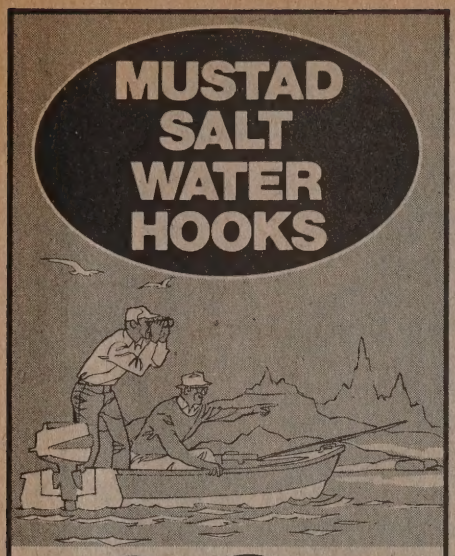

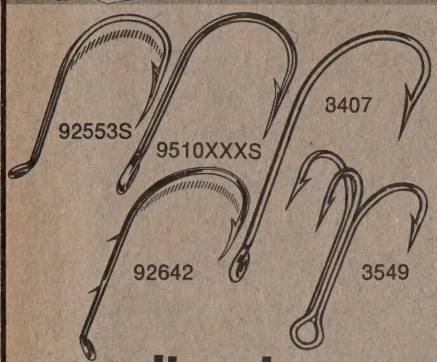

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found over mud, sand, muddy sand, clay, or fine gravel. Inshore the best structure would be a combination of sand and mud with patches of eel grass, clean white sand and a pebbly floor, and deep holes in creeks, channels, and estuaries, especially at low tide. Locating possible big flounder hangouts is made simpler by first eliminating places we know will definitely NOT interest them. Rocks and wrecks are out. Although prime holding structure for many other fish, this rough bottom is not for flatties. Silt and grey, slimy mud is out, too, as is any mud or sand that is devoid of minute marine life. This last statement is redundant—if there is no food to attract and hold them, they just ain't gonna be there anyhow, right?

To help locate fertile bottom, we covered a 16 oz. sinker with some kids' modelling clay, and attached that to 50' of heavy mono. This was bounced on the bottom of prospective areas, where a sampling would usually cling to the clay, revealing what lay below. You can accomplish the same results by inspecting the bottom that clings to your anchor. If you spot clam sprat or tiny worms or shrimp, fish that area thoroughly—it should harbor fish. If no flounder are immediately forthcoming, do not despair and give up too easily, as many times the fish will be there or in the vicinity, but must be coaxed into feeding. This is the time to chum thoroughly before moving on to another prospective location. Chum is merely an appetizer that whets fish appetites; sort of like getting a whiff of your wife's cooking before dinner is ready.

We find that mussels work best for us, either the regular black mussels or the ribbed bank mussels, both of which, incidentally, can further be utilized as excellent baits. Once anchored firmly in position, try cracking some mussels and tossing 'em overboard, right under the boat, then crush some and put them into one of those weighted wire mesh chum pots and lower that to the bottom, remembering to first tie it to the boat with a stout line. Shaking the pot at intervals will release tiny particles of mussel flesh through the mesh, enticing interested flounder into investigating the source, which should lead them to your baited hooks. Raising your rod in a slow lift will let you know if a flounder is working on your bait, and a short, quick stab should hook him. If not, jig that rod a bit, bouncing that sinker on the bottom vigorously a few times, let it sit for a minute, then lift.

Knowing that big flounder like fast moving water, we sought suitable bottom structure in swift currents, preferably near clam or mussel beds, in clean water with depths of from 10' to 20'. Our nautical chart of the western Sound helped pinpoint some locations; our depth recorder and common sense did the rest. Much of the north shore seems ideally suited to big flounder: gravel beaches, clean water, fairly deep close to shore, and an abundance of shell life. The beaches out east, like Wading River, Rocky Point, or Callahan's, always give up some real nice fish, but they were too far and we wanted something closer to home. We found something that looked like it would fill the bill, fairly close-by with all the qualities we sought. A good thing too, 'cause we were desperately fighting time...those big fish were moving out and could soon be out of reach entirely.

Matinecock Point is just east of Hempstead Harbor and not too far from our slip at City Island. We often fished there, on a prolific reef for striped bass or bluefish, or atop one certain wreck in that area for jumbo blackfish. All signs pointed to big flounder inshore of that reef, between it and an old cement retaining wall that is one of our landmarks there. Using hooks slightly larger than regular flounder hooks because we expected bigger fish, we anchored in 16' of water over good bottom next to a channel and doled out our chum. Within minutes we were rewarded with flounder in the 1 lb. class—close, but no cigar! We decided to wait out the ebbing tide before giving up, figuring to work a secondary target if no big fish turned up. I dreamed of the huge flounders we used to catch off Greenport when I was a kid, and wished we were there once again.

My daydreams were shattered when my partner set his hook into a fish that bent his spinning rod into a pretzel. He caught a flounder that not only weighed over 2 lbs., but precipitated a fast and furious flurry that saw both of us catching big fish one right after the other, for a hectic hour or so. Then, as the tide lost its outbound urgency and died to a gentle ebb, all action came to a screeching halt. It was over as quickly as it had started.

The next morning it was raining, not your usual gentle spring rain, but some misplaced autumn gale, with winds to match! Of course, after the blow those big fish had split and were probably in some offshore deep-water trench, gone for another year. We'd be ready for them then too, now that we had some inkling of their itinerary. Next year we'd start out earlier; next year we'd concentrate on specific areas; next year we'd give 'em hell; next year we'd do better. We consoled ourselves with "next year," as those old-time Brooklyn Dodger fans once did.

Actually, we had no squawks coming, nothing to gripe about, really. We had proven our theory correct, and only time and fickle Mother Nature had thwarted greater results. And we had figured out the migratory pattern of those big flounder correctly too, and found new areas that they could be caught in, which had hitherto been unknown to us. And we had done it on our own, which made it that much sweeter. We had discovered the land of the giants!

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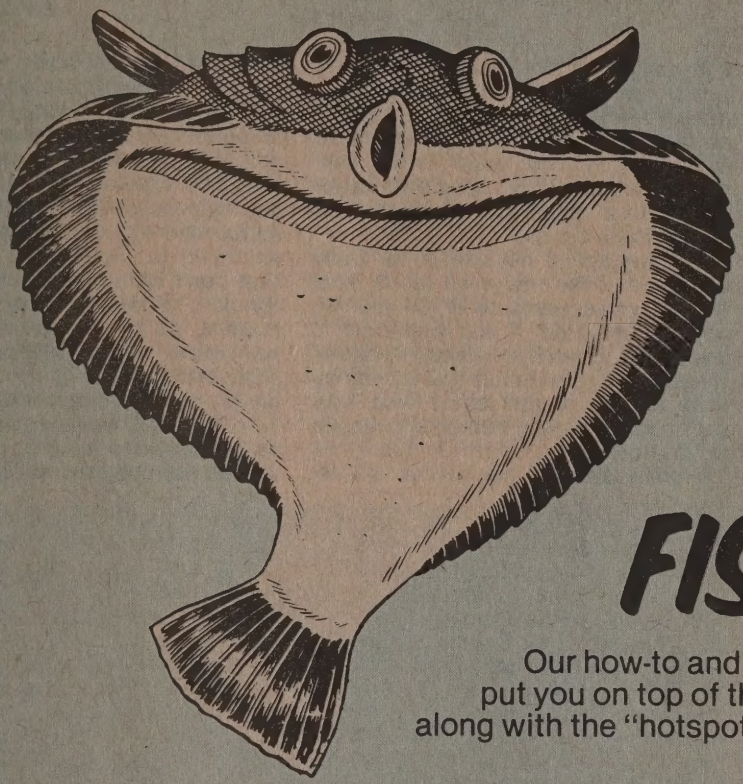

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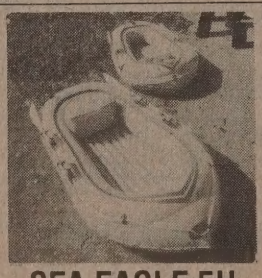

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I have fished for flounder in any number of areas over the years, but I have never had as much fun or caught as many fish as I have in Reynold's Channel. By the way, being the sweetest tasting fish I have ever eaten has gone a long way to endear the winter flattie to me.

Rigging up for flounder is far from elaborate. Take my word for it, and throw those spreads away. Of course, you can use them if you insist and if you prefer to catch seaweed instead of flounder. I prefer to use just a snap or snap swivel, or just some well tied end loops to attach sinker and hooks to the line.

Hooks should be either #8-10 Chestertowns or Eagle Claws whi prefer. On more than one occasio have encountered kingfish, whi and eels, and the Chestertowns ar suitable for them.

Rarely have I had to use more t two ounces of lead to hold bot anywhere in the Channel w anchored for flounder. I have fo that bank type sinkers are gener the best to use. Flounder feed on bottom, so remember to keep bait there. I often add a small shot on the leader of the second h on the rig: this helps to keep it do

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There is a little creek that empties out into the channel a little upstream from the Yacht Club. Uncle Tony would bring his Cappy's Special in close to the bank and on the edge of the creek's outflow (10' to 15' of water). Outgoing tide was best but, as Tony would say, ''Just as long as the water is running.''

Along with the creek's outflow, we would set up our own chum slick. I always had the job of loading the chum pots. Tony had a hammer that was as old and rusty as he was, and I would give a mussel a whack to crack

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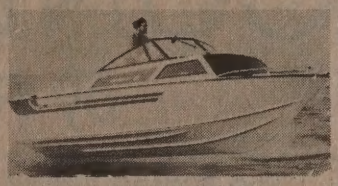

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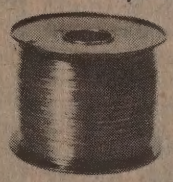

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FLOUNDER ROUND AN ISLAND

by Richard Giessuebel

The Staten Island shore provides flatfish fans with a number of opportunities to score. Some of these tips should help.

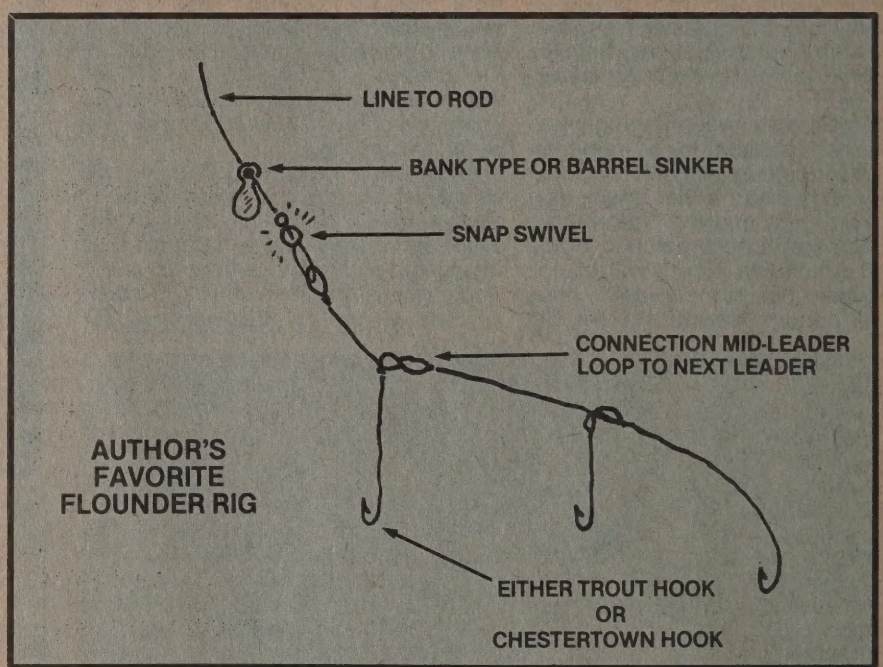
Come the spring of every year, it is the flounder that most anglers in our area depend upon to initiate a new fishing season. Generally, flounder season begins in early March and should last well into April. In this article, I'll get into where you might first expect to find spring flounder on Staten Island, where they tend to move along the beach as the season progresses, what baits and rigs to use, and what techniques score best with this super food fish.

The first water to warm up on the island is that located in Great Kills Harbor. Therefore, here is where to begin fishing. Many anglers park their cars along the breakfront where they can cast out and watch for any action directly from their vehicles. Soon, the flounder leave the harbor and start up the beach joined by flounder that have left their mud homes along the shore in search of food. The spots to fish after the action opens in the harbor are New Dorp Beach, Midland Beach, South Beach, and eventually, the area called Stapleton, where there are many old piers that offer super platforms from which to fish. These piers are super in that you can fish anywhere along them and catch fish.

To the south of Great Kills Harbor, you come to the Annadale area. Along the beach, the water is very shallow and this lends to the quick warming that's necessary for a good early fishery. A little offshore of here, the water is about 10' deep. Fishing here holds for quite awhile, but you need a boat to get at 'em.

In order to get to Great Kills Harbor, you can get off of Rte. 278 at Lily Pond Road or the first exit on the island before or after the Verrazano Bridge. Turn south to Fr. Capodanno Blvd. and take to Midland Avenue. By the way, you'll be driving along South Beach as you travel this route. Once on Midland, go to Hyland Blvd. where you make a left and head south towards all of the other areas mentioned. You'll cross New Dorp Avenue where you turn left out to New Dorp Beach.

Straight down Hyland Blvd. is Gateway Federal Park which surrounds Great Kills Harbor. You turn in by making a left. Follow the road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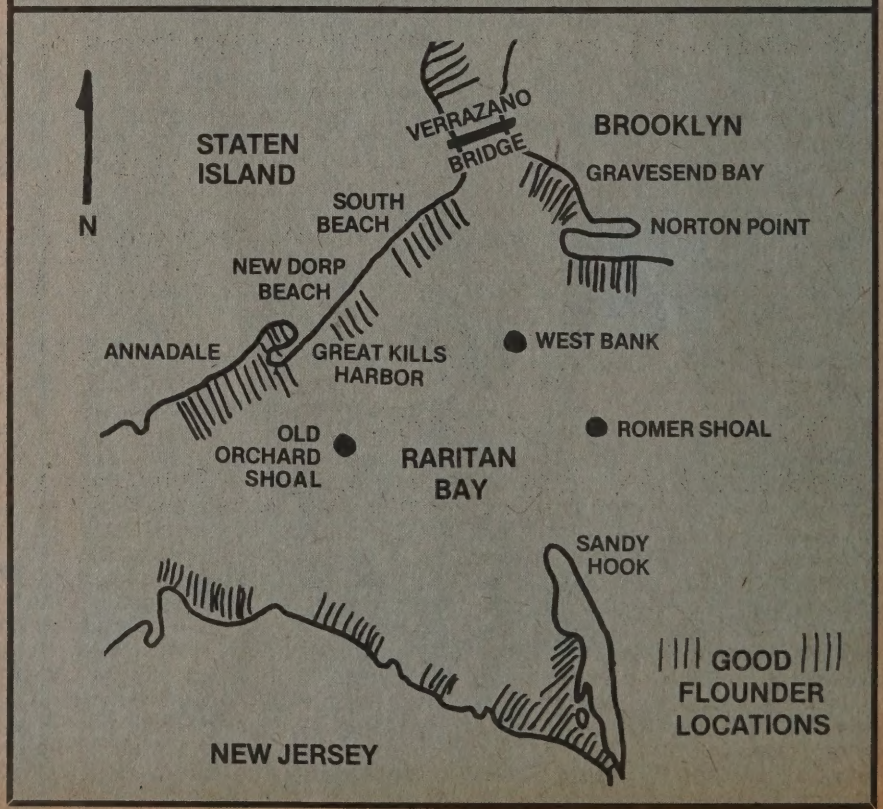

through the large parking lot there and as you're coming up on the marina, you'll see the bulkhead where most flounder fishing takes place on your right.

Now, let's get on to the types of rigs required. The first I'm about to explain is the one that I always use. However, it may not be for you, in that I use trout hooks and I hit any bite immediately. Therefore, the hooks never get down deep into the fish, and I can easily remove them and either keep him or release him as his size demands. The rig is made by attaching several snelled, size eight trout hooks together. Simply make a loop in the middle of the leader of one put the next hook through the loop and then bring the hook through the loop of its own snell. Pull tight and you have a very nice two-hooked rig. Repeat the process, and you have a three hook rig.

These trout hooks can be substituted with #8 Chestertown hooks. These hooks have rather long shanks and should you wait too long to strike a biting fish, you'd still stand a chance to get the hook out without injuring the fish. Once the three hooks are assembled, slide a sinker up your line and put a snap swivel at the end. Place the hooks onto the snap and you're ready to go.

Baits are next. Remember that flounder feed by sucking food into their rather small mouths. Therefore, keep the bait small, too. If you're familiar with a kernel of corn, then you know the size that I like to keep my clam baits. For worms, I cut a whole blood worm or sand worm up into inch long pieces. I then thread these pieces onto the hooks. If using a trout hook, I run the worm right on up the shank and over the eye of the hook, this gives the flounder only one end to strike. I'll often put three different baits out at first and then whichever proves to be the most popular, I tend to change the other hooks over to.

Corn kernels also make good baits. Their tough skin holds them on the hooks well and their size makes them just perfect to fit into the small mouths of flounder. I guess the yellow color doesn't hurt either, because it certainly makes the bite-sized targets very visible.

This brings me to a point that separates the flounder catchers from those who just go flounder fishing. The difference is chum. The problem, however, is that all the places I've just mentioned are very hard to chum at. Therefore, I've chummed over the past several springs like this: first, you get a long pole. A bamboo pole is perfect. Then, you scratch up the bottom with this pole no matter where you are. This gets bits of bottom materials suspended in the water. The debris attracts flounder. To make the technique pay off, just sprinkle some chum out into the area where you're scratching the bottom. The chum can be made by getting a five gallon bucket which you half fill with water. Then, cut up several skimmer clams and put into the brine. Crush the shells and add them to the brew. Now, toss some of this solution out into the water that you're roughing up. If you can't locate a bamboo pole, an old rake will fit the purpose. Mix the chum and the bottom. Now, watch the direction in which the chum moves off. Fish your baits directly in this flow.

Remember to stir the bottom up good first, and then each time thereafter, stir it up progressively less. If you don't, then the fish just might lie off of the area where your baits are. Keep your eye on the direction of chum flow, for if it should change, then you'll have to change the position of your baits, too. A lot of guys cast way out, when all they've got to do is keep their baits close to shore.

The best places to chum, however, are those where you are directly over where you want to fish; that is, when you're in a boat, on a pier, or on a dock. Then, you don't cast out at all, but simply drop your baits down-current of your chum and in no time at all, you'll be in action. Should the tide or currents change, adjust your baits to gain maximum effect.

The tides are also the most crucial part of flounder fishing. Consider this: during incoming tide, cold ocean waters come in and send the flounder back into the mud. There they tend to stay until the tide changes.

Early flounder fishing is usually best after two or three sunny days in a row. Shallow waters warm rather easily and a few days of sun can have a large effect on water temperature. Combined with an outgoing tide, the water really warms up and out come the flounder.

Finally, since you generally don't want to fish an incoming tide during the early part of the season, you might want to get arranged just as the tide is about to turn. Whatever you do, don't start chumming now because all the slick will go out in the wrong direction. Wait instead for the current to start flowing out. Now's the time to chum and to place your baits in front of the flow so that as the fish swim up the slick, they'll come to your baits before they come to the chummed up bottom.

Other things that you will need to have a successful day are a bucket to put your fish in, a filleting board, and plenty of warm clothes. Should you pick a really cold day to fish, you're going to have to keep your bait warm. To this end, I keep my bait in a plastic bag and inside my coat. Then, when I want to cut up a worm or put on a kernel of corn or a piece of clam, the bait is manageable and good looking.

Well, that's about it. Remember, this can be a cold time of year and you've got to dress accordingly. Cover your head; with it uncovered you lose much of your body heat. With it covered, you stand a much better chance of staying warm. Good luck with those Staten Island flounder.

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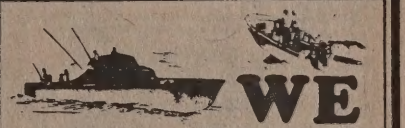

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REYNOLD'S CHANNEL

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the shell and dump it in the chum pot. Before long, the lunch line was operational, and Tony and I were taking care of a week's supply of flounder fillets for the restaurant. There were many days when we would fish two tides. Fifty flounder for a day were average, and a hundred or more was not uncommon.

With the warmer days of April, the flounder spread themselves throughout the channel and into the back creeks. The area around Buoy 9 is a favorite spot during most of the season. There is a concrete bunker in the channel that marks the location of a treated sewage outflow pipe. Depending on the stage of the tide, just line yourself up downtide, set your chum pots, and wait.

While you are bailing flounder you might be pleasantly surprised by a strike that almost takes the rod out of your hands. This is especially likely in the spring. I remember one day when I dropped a sandwich overboard in a lunge for my rod: my reward was a 2 lb. kingfish. Tony and I took a total of 20 kingfish that day.

I always carry an extra rod with me when I fish for flounder in late April and May; especially around Buoy 9 and the Duck Point area. I have taken many a weakfish while floundering. Take a 2/0 hook on a 3' leader and rig it about 3' to 4' above the sinker. Your bait is a whole sand or a blood worm. I just place it in some out of the way corner of the boat and leave the click on and the reel in free spool.

If you make the turn up Duck Point from Reynold's Channel, you will see a series of marker poles. Each pole is numbered. If you follow the channel, you will eventually come out in Hewlett Bay. Pole #14 was our old spot for many years. Tony loved to fish this spot. We would guide the boat right up to the pole, and I would just slip a line around it and that was it. The natural flow of the current would keep us just out of the channel on the dropoff. It was pure heaven, especially on windy days. The marsh flats on either side of the channel offer a fair amount of shelter. The incoming tide is best here.

Continuing down the channel, you will see a marsh shack with an artistic sign that says, "Slow down boys, I'm fragile!" and it shows a chick in an egg. Try the pole near the house. The water is a little deeper here and at times during mid-season, it holds some over-sized flounder. This can be another good spot on an incoming tide, but the action isn't consistent here. If you haven't caught anything after about a half an hour, move on. Tony and I took a lot of flounder out of that hole, and most of them were all over a pound.

One of the better spots for an outgoing tide is the last marker pole in the channel. Hewlett Bay lies directly in front of you, so a good deal of bait is washed right past you. It was right here that Tony and I had one of the best day's fishing we ever had. It was late in the spring season and the wind was blowing a good 20 miles an hour out of the north. The weather in a word, was stinko—but no one told the fish that. We took a total of 120 flounder, 21 kingfish and 2 weakfish. I kid you not!

During the fall, the flats around Pearsalls Hassock can be some of the most productive in the channel. Make sure you anchor on the edge of the dropoff in about 8' to 10' of water. The main channel is fairly deep, as it has to accommodate the sewage tankers (Tony called them honey pots) which pick up their loads at the tanks. The water is very fast over the flats on an outgoing tide and the fish just line up.

Yes, this section of south shore real estate has more than its share of good flounder spots. Take the time to learn your way around and the rewards can be great. In addition to fine action, is Reynold's Channel's easy access and the protection often afforded by its geographic nature. Reynold's channel almost seems made to order for flatfish fans. Check it out and see if you don't agree!

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Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

East end codfishing remains good, though the weekend was down a bit in catches due to the weather. The **Viking Fleet** reported it was "damn good" this week, fish averaging 5-12 lbs. at Cartwright, catches running from 6-10 fish a man. High hooks during the week generally ran in the 20s. On the **Viking Star** Joe Marko of Bohemia had 21 cod to 22 lbs. and was high hook Saturday. That day the boat had 200 plus cod, despite conditions. Sunday was a little poor due to the strong tides and blustery winds. No pollack seen this week. The skipper advises that his charter boat the **Viking Starlite** is now booking spring and fall charters.

Captain Richie Rade's **Marlin V** sailed a charter Sunday with 60 cod taken, which was not bad considering the severe wind conditions. Cartwright was the area for fish 6-14 lbs. which were spitting up a lot of sand eels. All fish were caught on bait. Please note that the **Marlin IV** is now sailing every day.

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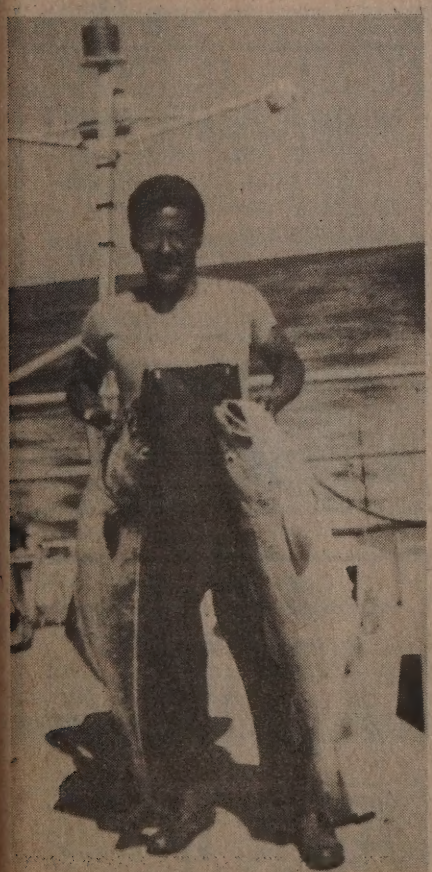

Robert Rojas with a huge pollack and a big cod taken on a wreck trip aboard the "Viking Starship."

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** asked us to let you know that his boat is now in the water, ready to fish. Mike says there are plenty of cod to be had and indications are there for a good pollack season as well coming up soon.

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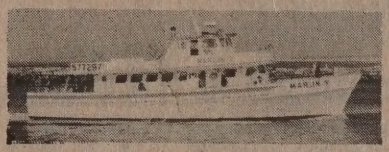

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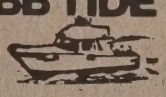

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South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

Just when it appeared that south shore flounder action was moving into high gear, temperamental March reared its uglier side and canned the hopes of scores of eager flatfish fans. The gale force winds, bitter cold and extreme low tides were an especially bitter pill to swallow for weekend anglers who had been buoyed by reports of good, and in some cases, excellent results during mid-week. As for the weekend, many tackle shops and fishing stations were at a loss for reports due to the mid-winter like weather.

In Moriches Bay, some of the fishing stations were able to salvage the day for customers willing to run up into the Quogue Canal where they found some respite from the elements. In most cases, the price paid for a good catch of flatties was high due to the beating suffered going to and from the canal. During the week, the buoy 42-44 area produced catches as high as 100 fish per boat. Fish were mixed sizes, but some flatties up to 2 lbs. were taken. Worms, clams and mussels all caught fish with heavy

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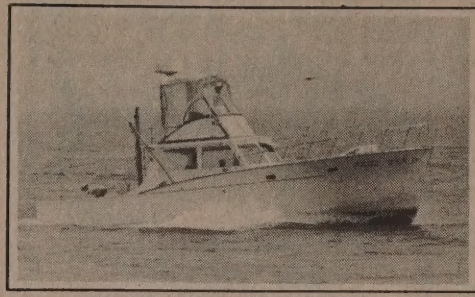

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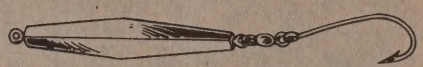

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The crew from the Missy Too, skippered by Captain Joe De-Joseph show the results of a distant canyon trip made last summer. Subscriber photo.

chum being the difference between a big score and a modest one.

Two skiffs leaving from **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** on Saturday made the run to buoy 54 and returned with catches ranging from 40-50 flatties. The largest of the fish were in 1½ lb. class with most quite a bit smaller. Al Lassen of **Hi-Way Fishing Station** told of a catch of 38 flatties made at buoy 54 on Sunday. He was more enthused about the fishing at buoys 43 and 44 during the week and expected a quick return to good fishing with a day or two of mild weather.

A trio of Queens anglers, Steve Howar, BiJan Golian and Paula Farrow used sandworms and chummed with cat food to take 70 flounder up to a pound at buoy 54. They were steered to the canal by Jim Greene of **L&M Marine Fishing Station.**

In the Mastic area, flounder fishing came alive during the week only to suffer from the effects of the elements on the weekend. While Gary of **Stiriz' Fishing Station** labeled the weekend a total loss, he did report some fine catches made during the week. Al and Andy Borio took 85 fish at buoy 12 using worms and mussel chum. John Highland and Rick Sterk had 75 flatties at buoy 17. They added corn to their mussel chum. Fish were taken on both tides and chum is essential. Before the blow, nearly all of the activity centered between buoys 12 and 17.

Trout fishing was foremost on the mind of Dave Canale at **J & R Sport Center** in Oakdale. Dave reminded that the shop will be open through the

night on Wednesday for the opening day faithful. There will be hot coffee for all those looking for a bit of respite.

Great South Bay flounder fishing moved into high gear around mid-week with the entire Captree open boat fleet enjoying banner days on Wednesday and Thursday. Some boats reported decent fishing on Friday and Saturday despite the wind but all agreed that the bottom fell out on Sunday. Private and party craft all concentrated their efforts between Sayville and Patchogue although some fish are beginning to show as far west as Heckscher.

Bay Shore Tuna Club memebers, Benny and Jack Bento put over 50 fish aboard their Patricia on Wednesday. Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait & Tackle** checked over the catch. Largest to go on the scale was a 1¾ lber. Carl added that he has night crawlers in stock for trout fans looking towards Thursday's opening.

The tempo of flounder fishing in the east by on Thursday is demonstrated in some of the individual scores racked up by open boat fares. Aboard the Bay Shore **Casey Lee II** John Grasso tallied 50 keepers according to skipper Neil Delanoy who also said that fishing remained good right up until Saturday. He noted that the Spring fishing appears to be off to it's best start in 3 years.

Captree boats cashing in on the excellent run of fish in the East Bay before the weekend's lashing from Mother Nature included Capt. Dan Juettner's **Capt Dan**, Capt. Rod Westerlinds' **Capt. Rod** and capt. Gordon Roman's **Captree Queen II**. Bill Sandhop fished aboard the **Jib VII** on Thursday and bagged 25 flounder while Capt Richie Abrams of the **Capt. Whittaker** reported a high hook of 38 fish for the same day. Several

John Kanich stands beside his first sailfish, taken in Acapulco, Mexico. The big sail weighed in at 165 lbs. Subscriber photo.

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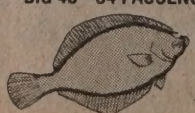

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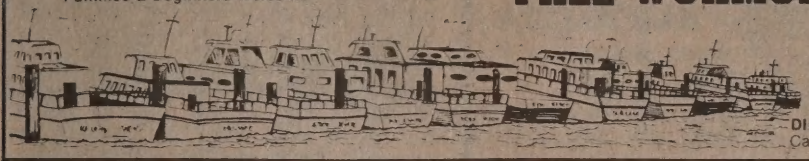

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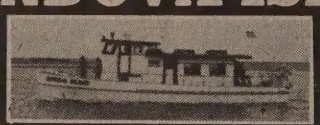

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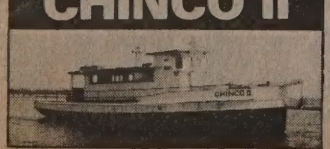

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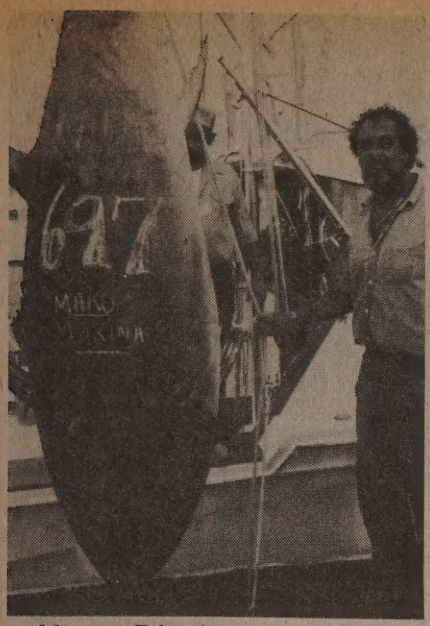
skippers mentioned the area just east of buoy 30 as being especially hot at mid-week.

A couple of enterprising, private boatmen from Babylon made the long trek to the east and were amply rewarded for their efforts. Ski Kochanskie of **Augie's Bait & Tackle** in Babylon, looked over a catch of 62 big flounder made off of Sayville by Babylon Tuna Club Member Bill Mahler on Wednesday. Same day, "Doc" Bohner totalled over 40 flatties in the same general area. Both boatmen did best on incoming water. Chumming with mussels or clams or stirring up the bottom goes a long way towards a big score. A few fish were evident in the State Channel near Grass Island prior to the weekend according to Ski but most boatmen have wisely opted for the hot action located to the east. You can add the Babylon open boat **Pooka V** to the list of those running east. Capt. Jack Stoddard found fine fishing there during the week. With his **Lucie II**, he sampled the State Channel at Amityville and Lindenhurst and found only a few small fish.

The story to the west, particularly in the Seaford area, was no different than in Great South or Moriches Bays. Good fishing was the rule during the week but the weekend, in the words of John Dombrowski of **Pop's Fishing Station** was a "bomb". Adding to the woes of boatmen here was a lack of navigable water created by the strong n.w. winds and extreme low tides. Storeies of flounder stranded on exposed bars came from more than one source.

Individual catches before the weekend numbered in the 20's aboard the open boat **Chinco** according to it's skipper Brian. Fishing is being done around the 1st and 2nd Wantagh

Pretty, eleven-year-old Laraine Centineo used a live killy to take this 7 lb. doormat fluke near the Marine Parkway Bridge last fall. Subscriber photo.



Manny Friendman, owner of the Missing Link, subdued this 697 lb. giant tuna in late September. It was weighed at Mako Marine in Freeport.

Bridges, Massapequa Cove and the Merrick Point area. Deep water and heavy chum has been the secret. Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Bait & Tackle** passed along the same formula and added that the best catches have been coming from holes located along the mainland side of the bay.

John Ryan worked Massapequa Cove to the tune of 67 flounder up to 2¼ lbs. on Friday. Same day, Dave Jensen and a friend kept 35. Both parties left from Art Wright's **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station.**

New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

FREEPORT

The flounder picture from Freeport would have been much better had it not been for the high winds and biting cold that struck on those two days. Even so, fish were caught Saturday and Sunday and during the week things were even better. The **Blue Fin Fleet** had both boats floundering locally and found quality size fish, but quantities limited due to conditions. Mussel, worm and clam and a lot of chum caught fish. On Friday's trip before the front moved in aboard the **Capt. Al**, Frank Rizzo scored with 29 flounder. Saturday's high hook managed 22 fish. Sunday saw the ever-present Roosevelt Rogers ring the bell with 28 flounder.

Captain Mike of the **Capt. Lou Fleet**

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had both his boats out Saturday and Sunday and everybody caught fish, but not many. The fish are around, says the skipper and with some warm weather, things should really bust loose. Fishing is all local, with mussels working best. With some warm weather this week, the weekend should be super.

It was the same story aboard the **Super Spray II** with the morning's incoming water best this past week. Pools were in the 2 lb. range. There are practically no throwbacks. Ronnie "Bunzie" Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** saw boats coming back averaging 15 flounder per boat all this past week and weekend and Ronnie also agrees that with a break in this week's weather, the weekend floundering should be dynamite. But he warns that many of the buoys in the Freeport area are not in yet, so watch your step.

South Shore codfishing has been very good to excellent this week, according to the reports of Captain Richie on the **Starstream II**. The regular daily cod trips have been scoring with 80 to 100 cod a trip, fishing 6-15 lbs. Larry McCall was high hook Sunday and wreck fishing has been the name of the game. The Tuesday and Thursday cod/pollack special wreck trips that sail at 4AM have been extended to include Saturdays also since the results have been so strong and the crowds so big. Tuesday saw a dynamite trip for quantity and size of fish. Bob Glaudel of Long Beach took the $520 codfish pool with a 68 lber. Harold Sceller of Brentwood was runner-up with a 66 lb. cod. Mr. DiMetto of Brooklyn had a 53 and a 60 lber. while Larry McCall lifted a 58 lber. Long Beach angler Rubin Largo had a 53 lb. cod. The pollack pool was taken by Pete Wawerna of Bayview, New York with a 30 lb. pollack. Catches averaged 5-20 fish per man and fish ran from 8-40 lbs. average. Lots of fish in the

Lisa Nelson, age 5, gets a hand displaying her first fish ever—a 16" fluke. It was caught in Jones' Inlet aboard her uncle's boat, the Marcella G.

Eight-year-old Keith Fine proudly displays the 6½ lb. fluke he caught last summer aboard his grandfather's boat on the Coney Island flats. Subscriber photo.

20s, 30s and 40s. Thursday was an excellent trip also, with Ted Pickes of Flushing taking the codfish pool of $250 with a 65 lber. A 53 lb. cod was caught by Woodside angler Henry Wasielewski. Steve Mars took the pollack pool back to Port Jeff Station with him consisting of $110 for his 30 lber. The same big catches were made Thursday with high hook in the teens.

The **Capt. Andy** will begin his 2 trip a day flounder raids on Friday, April 2nd.

The **Aloma II** found flounder picky during the week, with the exception of Tuesday, which was excellent, catches averaging 20 flatties a man. Catches ran from 5-12 fish a man Wednesday and Thursday. On Saturday, Lillian Dinosofsky and son from Woodmere had 48 flounder between them to 2 lbs. The hot bait was worm-mussel combos. Other customers totalled 30 flounder. Billy and Laurie Wasilition, ages 9 and 10, had 18 flounder between them. Sunday saw a nice pick of fish for fares with some getting up to 18 fish. The weather hurt the weekend's fishing. Catches should be very good this weekend if the weather this week gives us a break. Fish have been 3/4 to 2 lbs., caught in local waters. The **Miss Freeport II** reports his high hooks all week have been averaging 20 fish up to 2 lbs. on mussel and worm, heavy on the chum.

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long with the weather hurting the weekend a bit.

Jack at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** tells of three boats he knew of this past week that fished Middle Creek Bay off BOCES and Scow Creek with each of the boats averaging a dozen fish up to 1½ lbs. on worms and a flooding tide. Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** at the ft. of the Atlantic Beach bridge, tells us that Magnolia Blvd. pier has been as good as anywhere this past week for flounder. Beach 17 at Far Rockaway off the surf has been productive for surf casters, while Duck Point has produced nice size fish on incoming tide. No great numbers. Captain Clem of the **Commodore** reported a fair weekend with flounder, but he complained of "too much wind." He had to fish the back bays to stay in the lee of the land. Catches averaged roughly 10 flounder a man in the 30-35 mile an hour winds and the cold. Sizes were good, with many fish from 1 to 1¾ lb. and hardly any throwbacks, all on mussel and worm.

Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook says that although there are fish everywhere, the weekend was pretty much blown out but that with good weather this week, the weekend should be jumpin'.

The **Miss Point Lookout** picked away at flounder all week with one fare getting 12 good keepers up to 1¾ lbs. on Wednesday.

The Point Lookout charter boat **Marie III** expects lots of big flounder by this weekend, with favorable conditions. Saturday's and Sunday's charters did only fair on flounder due to conditions. Fish averaged 1-1½ lbs. on mussel, worm and clam with

the best area being Garrett's Lead on the flood and the start of the ebb.

Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout told of fairly good catches Monday through Friday in Reynolds Channel at Buoys 16 and 18 and off the Golf course in deeper water on the south side of the inlet. Fish were all nice size with all of incoming and th first hour of the ebb best. Holes in the flats are starting to produce on worm and mussel chum. The weekend was a nightmare with the wind and the cold. Ed also looks forward to a very fishy weekend coming up if the weather gives us a break.

LONG BEACH

Prior to the weekend reports **Long Beach Sports Marina** the Proline and dory fleet had nice scores. Bob Talercio and Eugene Wilson of Valley Stream totaled 32 flounder up to 1½ lbs. behind Duck Point. Worms and a lot of mussel chumming did the trick and most boats averaged 20 fish a boat. Magnolia Pier had some flounder of nice size but no quantities, both tides. Shore fishing at Hewlett Bay was also worthwhile.

EAST ROCKAWAY

Skippy's Tackle advises that Bay Park (Swift Creek) saw the best flounder action during the week with sand worms working best for fish up to 1½ lbs. The weekend was a wipeout with the wind.

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John at **Cross Bay Bait & Tackle** tells us that lots of flounder of good sizes are being taken from the north and south channel bridges on worms and mussel. Some fish are up to 2 lbs. and are hitting on both tides. Chumming is a big assist. Fewer people fished on the weekend due to the rotten weather.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Flounder action has been good says Capt. Tom of the **Elsie K III** though it was off a little on the weekend due to the strong winds and low temps. The boat is fishing Rockaway, Jamaica Bay and Jersey hotspots and Tom says there are fish all over. The weekend's high hooks were in the 15-20 category and catches would be triple with decent weather. By the weekend, if the air and water warm up, there should be an excellent abundance of flatties. Mussels have been the best bait by far.

Captain Kevin of the **Dorothy B** has also been enjoying very good flounder catches despite the weekend's strong winds. High hook was 22 fish on Sunday and 36 on Saturday. He's fishing Jersey and Rockaway areas and the pool fish have been in the 2

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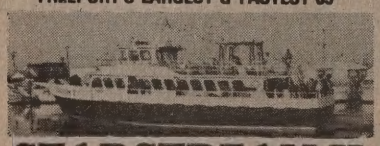

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Dominick Cerbone, who mates aboard the City Island open boat "Apache," shows the 11 lb. blackfish he whipped on 8 lb. test last November.

lb. category all week long, with fish ranging from 1/2 lb. to 2, mussels working best, both tides producing.

STATEN ISLAND

Santos Bait & Tackle reports locals have been having decent flounder catches with 3/4 to 1 lb. on blood and sand worms in Great Kills Harbor.

North Shore Report

by Martin Garrell

Most of the flounder action is in the Western sector right now, but the weather last weekend set back the fishing somewhat. Piers and harbors are generally reliable with reports few and far between from small boat fisherman. Open boats have been producing right along.

Despite the weather, a few fishermen got out of the City Island area over the weekend. Shorelines were rough, and the party boats did much better than inshore anglers. The **Ebb Tide** did well fishing in bays to the West, and John DeCuffa at **Jack's** said that the **North Star** had a 2½ pound pool-winning flounder one day last week. Much of the flounder activity is around the dredges in Oyster Bay. Sandworms, bloodworms clam necks and mussels are all recommended, and Jack's will be renting boats next weekend. The **Apache** has been fishing with the rest of the fleet and playing to fair sized crowds since Saint Patrick's Day. Dave Watt of **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reminded that the Glen Cove Shoreline is not without it's quota of flatties.

Flounder in Lloyd's and Duck Harbor seem to be awake now and the only thing required is a break in the weather. Docks in Centerport and Huntington are producing small fish with 1 lb. tops. Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** has been selling clams, worms, and mussels to inshore anglers who reported reasonable success. The **Speedy VII** from Huntington went out on Saturday and fished off Lloyd's and in back of Eaton's and off Little Neck Point. Although there were lots of throwbacks, some fish went all up to 1½ lbs.

Further to the East, flatties are inside the harbors around Port Jefferson with the usual spring hot

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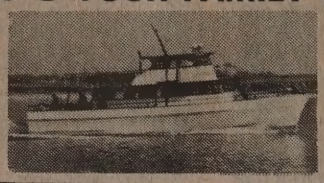

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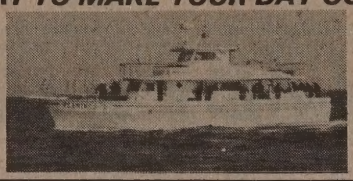

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Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** expects to see fish in Mount Sinai harbor next weekend, but Dick Brown at **Dick's** was still chipping the anglers out of the ice over the last weekend. Both shops are selling bait and advising fishermen to stay in the harbors.

The **Aqua Gem** from Port Jefferson will begin sailing next Saturday.

These huge blues tipped the scales at 16½ and 18 lbs. Bob Marcus, on a visit from California, took them on live bunker in Long Island Sound. Subscriber photo.

North Fork Report

by Martin Garrell

Most flounder activity right now is in the Peconic Bays with larger fish to be found to the east in Gardiners Bay (East Marion) and in the area around Rose's Grove. The first fish have been taken from the Sound already, but the run is some two weeks away.

The flounder off Red Cedar Point and at the mouth of the Peconic River tend to be ½ to ¾ lb. fish, according to Ed Kopack at **Warren's**; one ominous problem in the flatfish run in the western Peconics is the presence of draggers off Robin's Island. These boats are pulling some two bushels of flounder per hour.

Nevertheless, Phil Loria at **Capt. Marty's** saw an outstanding catch taken by Dominic DeRanieri and two other anglers off Rose's Grove on Thursday. The pulled 58 fish with a 1½ lb. average, and a 2½ pounder tops. Chumming and fishing mussels paid off for them.

Catches of 26 fish and 30 fish off East Marion were mentioned by Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** and by Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt**. The Windmills off East Marion produced a mix of fish to 1¾ lb. for lone anglers fishing a pair of rods. The 30-fish catch was taken on a morning's incoming water. A catch of 10-15 nice sized flounder was also recorded on Wednesday off Rose's and fish have been showing at Cedar Beach already, too. Orient Harbor in 20 feet of water bears looking at. In short, the Bay flounder seem to be available most everywhere if the weather will cooperate.

In Greenport, Art White suggests that open boat customers on the **Brand X** and **Peconic Star** call up Friday to check the sailing of these boats for the opening weekend. Richie

Jensen has his first charter of the new season for the **Nancy Ann** this coming weekend, and so does Jerry McGrath on the **Nostalgia II** out of Mattituck.

South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

SAG HARBOR

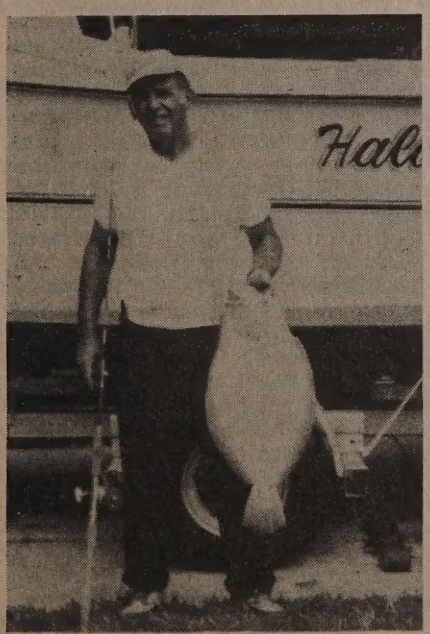
Chris at **Bayview Fishng Station** reports that nice size flounder are being caught (averaging 1 lb.) on worm or mussel at Sag Harbor Cove, Buoy 14 and Northwest Harbor. Both tides are working and mussel chumming is a big boost. One rental skiff returned with 40 good keepers on Friday.

Friday. Rich Reina, Sr., LIF publisher and Skip Keener of East End Litho took a one hour busman's holiday Thursday, fishing about 100' south of the North Haven bridge and had 24 big fat flounder on mussel bait and clam chum.

SHINNECOCK

Captain Clark Bellows of the **Capt. Clark II** says he will begin sailing on Good Friday, April 9th and Clark says according to reports from Shinnecock and Peconic Bay, the flounder season looks promising.

Thom at **Speck's Bait & Tackle** says the Shinnecock Canal flounder continue to be caught when the locks are closed. Fish are running up to 2 lbs., in fair quantities, being taken on



Pete Novellino hefts the 13 lb. fluke he boated at buoy 13, Eaton's Neck last August. Subscriber photo.

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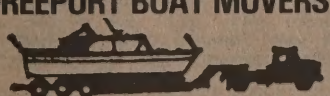

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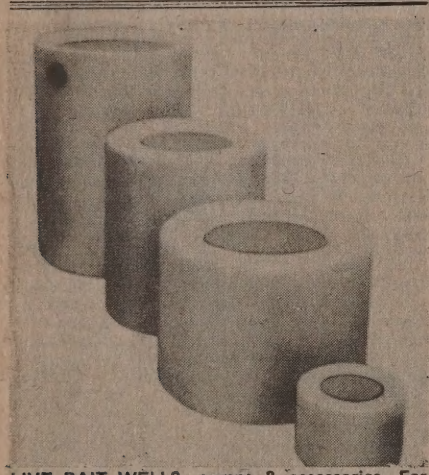

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SEAFORD WATERFRONT Home, picturesque view; 150' bulkheaded, 4Brs, 2Bths, fireplace, den; aluminum siding, gas heat. $98,900. Owner: 516-221-5735.

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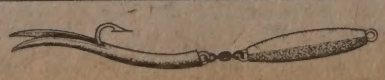
1970 International Travel-A1; 4WD, auto. Runs fine; great for fishing. $1000. Call Jason at 516-431-3562.



contact with water will turn color. If there's an inch of water in the tank, only the bottom inch of the stick will be bright purple.

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Berkley Dacron has long been a favorite offshore where its low stretch qualities result in harder, quicker hook setting delivery, and a tighter line over a long running game fish. Blue water fishermen appreciate the advantage of Berkley Dacron's thin diameter when it comes to reducing water drag and line belly in a fish fighting situation. Now these outstanding features come together with a striking fluorescent green color in a line that's going to keep a lot of 4/0 to 12/0 reel owners busy stripping old line off their reels and re-spooling with Berkley's Medallion Dacron. This high visibility green allows trolled baits to be checked and adjusted at a glance. The angler has more control and more confidence over a hard fighting game fish.

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet....–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	1:10	1:50	1:55	2:35	1:50	2:30	2:45	3:35	4:25	5:45	4:35	5:20	1:15	1:50	4/1
FRI.	2:15	3:05	3:10	3:50	3:00	3:40	3:55	4:45	6:10	7:15	5:45	6:30	2:20	2:55	4/2
SAT.	3:25	4:10	4:20	5:00	4:05	4:45	5:05	5:50	7:40	8:20	6:55	7:35	3:25	3:55	4/3
SUN.	4:35	5:10	5:25	5:55	5:10	5:45	6:10	6:45	8:45	9:10	8:00	8:30	4:25	4:50	4/4
MON.	5:30	6:00	6:20	6:45	6:10	6:35	7:05	7:30	9:40	10:00	8:55	9:20	5:20	5:40	4/5
TUE.	6:20	6:45	7:10	7:30	6:55	7:20	7:55	8:15	10:25	10:45	9:45	10:10	6:05	6:25	4/6
WED.	7:00	7:25	7:55	8:15	7:40	8:00	8:40	8:55	11:10	11:25	10:35	10:50	6:50	7:10	4/7
THUR.	7:40	8:05	8:35	8:55	8:25	8:45	9:20	9:35	11:50	–	11:15	11:30	7:35	7:50	4/8

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quoque	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

4/2	5:41	6:26
4/3	5:39	6:27
4/4	5:38	6:28
4/5	5:36	6:30
4/6	5:35	6:31
4/7	5:33	6:32
4/8	5:32	6:33

Moonrise/Moonset

4/2	12:16PM	2:27AM
4/3	1:22PM	3:14AM
4/4	2:30PM	3:55AM
4/5	3:37PM	4:30AM
4/6	4:42PM	5:01AM
4/7	5:45PM	5:29AM
4/8	6:48PM	5:56AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
4/23	4/1	4/8	4/16

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	11:25	5:15	11:55	5:45
Fri.	—	6:10	12:20	6:35
Sat.	12:50	7:00	1:10	7:25
Sun.	1:40	7:50	2:00	8:15
Mon.	2:30	8:35	2:45	9:00
Tues.	3:15	9:15	3:25	9:45
Wed.	4:00	10:00	4:10	10:25
Thurs.	4:40	10:45	4:55	11:05

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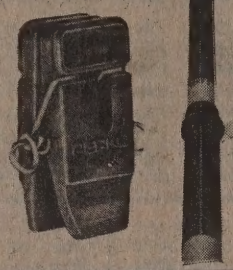

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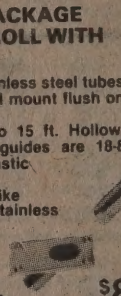

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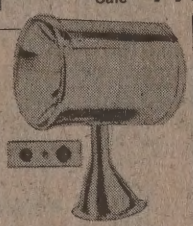

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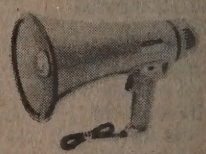

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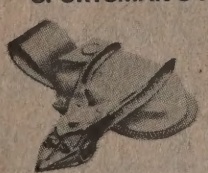

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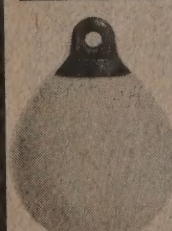

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	List	Early Buy
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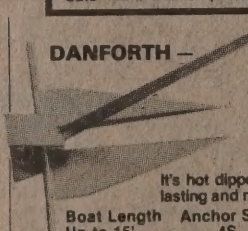

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Boat Length	Anchor Size	List	Early Buy
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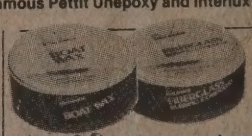
25' to 32'	13S	72.00	29.99
33' to 38'	22S	120.00	49.88

BOAT WAX & RUBBING COMPOUND



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